

Awards in Neuroscience

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Award for Education in Neuroscience

This award is given to an individual(s) in recognition of their outstanding contributions to research, education and a distinguished career in neuroscience. The 2009 award will be presented at the Neuroscience Departments and Programs Reception at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17, in McCormick Place, Room S505B.

Donald B. Lindsley Prize in Behavioral Neuroscience

Support contributed by The Grass Foundation

The Donald B. Lindsley Prize recognizes meritorious research in behavioral neuroscience and is awarded for the most outstanding PhD thesis in the general area of behavioral neuroscience submitted and approved during the previous calendar year. The prize includes an honorarium. The winner of the 2009 prize will be announced prior to the Albert and Ellen Grass Lecture on Monday, Oct. 19, at 3:15 p.m. in Hall B of McCormick Place.

Jacob P. Waletzky Award

Support contributed by The Waletzky Family
This award is given each year to a young scientist who has done research or plans to do research in the area of substance abuse and the brain and nervous system. In addition, the recipient must have received an advanced degree within the past 15 years. The award, which includes an honorarium, will be presented prior to the Presidential Special Lecture on Sunday, Oct. 18, at 5:15 p.m. in Hall B of McCormick Place.

Julius Axelrod Prize

Support contributed by Eli Lilly and Company Foundation

The Julius Axelrod Prize was established to honor a scientist with distinguished achievements in the field of neuropharmacology or a related area and exemplary efforts in mentoring young scientists. The prize includes an honorarium and an invitation to give a talk at a symposium organized by three National Institutes of Health institutes on Saturday, Oct. 17. The award will be presented to the recipient prior to the Presidential Special Lecture on Sunday, Oct. 18, at 5:15 p.m. in Hall B of McCormick Place.

Mika Salpeter Lifetime Achievement Award

Support contributed by sanofi-aventis

This lifetime achievement award recognizes an individual with outstanding career achievements in neuroscience who has significantly promoted the professional advancement of women in neuroscience. Awardees have demonstrated a high degree of imagination, innovation, and initiative in the pursuit of neuroscience, and an unusual dedication to facilitating the entry and mentoring of young women into neuroscience or to the advancement of women in neuroscience. The award, which includes an honorarium, will be presented before the Presidential Special Lecture on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 5:15 p.m. in Hall B of McCormick Place.

Next Generation Award

The Next Generation Award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to public outreach and science education. Given to scientists nominated by their chapter, one award is given to a predoctoral/postdoctoral student or group of students and one to a junior faculty member. The awardees receive complimentary SfN meeting registration, a travel stipend, and an honorarium. The chapters to which the awardees belong receive a cash award to be used to continue the chapters' outreach efforts. The awards will be presented prior to the Presidential Special Lecture on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 5:15 p.m. in Hall B of McCormick Place.

Patricia Goldman-Rakic Hall of Honor Award

This lifetime achievement award is given posthumously to an individual with outstanding career achievements in neuroscience who has also significantly promoted the professional advancement of women in neuroscience. The award will be presented at "A Celebration of Women in Neuroscience" Luncheon at noon on Tuesday, Oct. 20, in the Hyatt Regency Chicago, Grand Ballroom EF.

Peter and Patricia Gruber International Research Award in Neuroscience

Support contributed by The Peter and Patricia Gruber Foundation

The Peter and Patricia Gruber International Research Award in Neuroscience allows promising young neuroscientists of all nationalities the opportunity to pursue education and research at a center of excellence in their field. It is presented each year to a young scientist who has demonstrated international collaboration based on the best science and who is studying or working at an institution that is located in a country other than the country in which he/she holds citizenship or permanent residency. The award includes an honorarium. The winner of the 2008 award will be announced prior to the Peter and Patricia Gruber Lecture on Sunday, Oct. 18, at 2:30 p.m. in Hall B of McCormick Place.

Ralph W. Gerard Prize in Neuroscience

Support contributed by Eli Lilly and Company Foundation

This prize, honoring outstanding contributions to neuroscience, is named after Ralph W. Gerard, who was instrumental in founding SfN and served as Honorary President from 1970 until his death in 1974. The winner of the 2009 prize will be announced prior to the Presidential Special Lecture on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 5:15 p.m. in Hall B of McCormick Place.

Research Awards for Innovation in Neuroscience

Support contributed by Astellas USA Foundation

The Research Awards for Innovation in Neuroscience (RAIN) honor imaginative, innovative research that advance novel ideas and have the potential to lead to significant breakthroughs in the understanding of the brain and nervous system and related diseases. Recipients will include individuals at any and all stages of their career. The awards, which include an honorarium, will be presented before the Presidential Special Lecture on Monday, Oct. 19, at 5:15 p.m. in Hall B of McCormick Place.

Science Educator Award

Support contributed by sanofi-aventis

This award is presented each year to an outstanding neuroscientist who has made significant contributions to SfN's mission of educating the public about neuroscience. The award, which includes an honorarium, will be presented prior to the Presidential Special Lecture at 5:15 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17, in Hall B of McCormick Place.

SfN Career Development Award

Support contributed by Merck & Co., Inc.

This award honors scientists who have made substantial contributions to science and show indications of leadership in ideas and/or organization among colleagues within the scientific community. Two awards are given each year to postdoctoral scholars, each with an honorarium. The awards will be presented at "A Celebration of Women in Neuroscience" Luncheon at noon on Tuesday, Oct. 20, in the Hyatt Regency Chicago, Grand Ballroom EF.

Swartz Prize for Theoretical and Computational Neuroscience

Support contributed by The Swartz Foundation

The Swartz Prize honors an individual whose activities over a period of time have produced a significant cumulative contribution to theoretical models or computational methods in neuroscience, or who has made a noteworthy particular advance over the past several years in theoretical or computational neuroscience. The prize, which includes an honorarium, will be presented before the Presidential Special Lecture on Monday, Oct. 19, at 5:15 p.m. in Hall B of McCormick Place. The recipient also will deliver the keynote address at the Dynamical Neuroscience satellite event on Thursday, Oct. 15 at 6 p.m. at the Allerton Hotel, Buckingham Ballroom.

Young Investigator Award

Support contributed by AstraZeneca

Established in 1983, the Young Investigator Award is given each year to a scientist who has shown outstanding achievements in the field of neuroscience and who has received an advanced professional degree within the past 10 years. The award, which includes an honorarium, will be announced prior to the Albert and Ellen Grass Lecture on Monday, Oct 19, at 3:15 p.m. in Hall B of McCormick Place.

Bernice Grafstein Award for Outstanding Accomplishments in Mentoring

Support contributed by Bernice Grafstein

The Bernice Grafstein Award, in its inaugural year, is given to a scientist who has shown an unusual dedication to, and success in, mentoring women neuroscientists and in facilitating their entry into or retention within the field of neuroscience. The award, which includes an honorarium, will be presented at "A Celebration of Women in Neuroscience" Luncheon at noon on Tuesday, Oct. 20, in the Hyatt Regency Chicago, Grand Ballroom EF.

SfN Travel Awards

Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Fellow Travel Awards

Support contributed by the Burroughs Wellcome Fund and Eli Lilly & Co.

These awards honor outstanding female and male graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. Awardees are evaluated and chosen on the basis of the scientific merit of their abstract, a letter of nomination from their principal investigator or mentor, their research and career goals, and an essay. The awards will be presented at *Mentoring, A Networking Event* at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 18, in McCormick Place, Room S504.

Chapters Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Fellow Travel Awards

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Recipients of these awards are nominated by their local chapters and evaluated by the SfN Membership & Chapters Committee based on the scientific merit of their abstract, as well as letters of nomination from their faculty mentor and local nominating chapter. The awards will be presented at the Chapter Awards Reception and Social.

SfN/IBRO International Travel Awards

Support contributed by SfN and IBRO

Administered by the International Brain Research Organization (IBRO), these awards provide recipients with complimentary meeting registration and a cash award to help defray travel costs to the SfN annual meeting. Eligible nominees must be from a developing country, less than 35 years of age, and a first author of an abstract to be presented at the SfN meeting. Thirty awards will be presented at Neuroscience 2009.