Awards in Neuroscience

Award for Education in Neuroscience
The Award for Education in Neuroscience recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to neuroscience education and training. The award will be presented prior to the Presidential Special Lecture at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, November 14, in the San Diego Convention Center, Ballroom 20.

Bernice Grafstein Award for Outstanding Accomplishments in Mentoring
Support contributed by Bernice Grafstein, PhD
The Bernice Grafstein Award is given to an individual who has shown dedication to, and success in, mentoring women neuroscientists and facilitating their entry or retention in the field. The award will be presented during the Celebration of Women in Neuroscience Luncheon on Tuesday, November 15.

Donald B. Lindsley Prize in Behavioral Neuroscience
Support contributed by The Grass Foundation
The Donald B. Lindsley Prize recognizes a young neuroscientist for his or her outstanding PhD thesis in the general area of behavioral neuroscience. The prize will be presented prior to the Albert and Ellen Grass Lecture at 3:15 p.m. on Monday, November 14, in the San Diego Convention Center, Ballroom 20.

Jacob P. Waletzky Award
Support contributed by The Waletzky Award Prize Fund and The Waletzky Family
The Jacob P. Waletzky Award is given to a scientist each year to conduct research in the area of substance abuse and the brain and nervous system. In addition, the recipient must have received an advanced degree of a PhD or MD within the past 15 years. The award will be presented prior to the Presidential Special Lecture at 5:15 p.m. on Saturday, November 12, in the San Diego Convention Center, Ballroom 20. The recipient also will deliver the Jacob P. Waletzky Memorial Lecture at the Frontiers in Addiction Research: 2016 Joint NIDA-NIAAA Mini-Convention at the San Diego Convention Center, Room 7, Friday, November 11.

Janett Rosenberg Trubatch Career Development Award
Support contributed by The Trubatch Family
The Career Development Award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated originality and creativity in research. It is intended to promote success during academic transitions prior to tenure. The award will be presented during the Celebration of Women in Neuroscience Luncheon on Tuesday, November 15.

Julius Axelrod Prize
Support contributed by Eli Lilly and Company Foundation
The Julius Axelrod Prize honors a scientist with distinguished achievements in the field of neuropharmacology or a related area, and exemplary efforts in mentoring young scientists. The award will be presented prior to the Presidential Special Lecture at 5:15 p.m. on Saturday, November 12, in the San Diego Convention Center, Ballroom 20.

Mika Salpeter Lifetime Achievement Award
The Mika Salpeter Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an individual with outstanding career achievements in neuroscience who also has significantly promoted the professional advancement of women in neuroscience. The award will be presented prior to the Presidential Special Lecture at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, November 14, in the San Diego Convention Center, Ballroom 20.

Nemko Prize in Cellular or Molecular Neuroscience
Support contributed by The Nemko Family
The Nemko Prize recognizes a young neuroscientist’s outstanding PhD thesis that advances the understanding of molecular, genetic, or cellular mechanisms underlying brain function, including higher function and cognition. The prize will be presented prior to the Albert and Ellen Grass Lecture at 3:15 p.m. on Monday, November 14, in the San Diego Convention Center, Ballroom 20.
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Next Generation Award
The Next Generation Award recognizes SfN chapter members who have made outstanding contributions to public communication, outreach, and education about neuroscience. The award will be presented prior to the Presidential Special Lecture at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, in the San Diego Convention Center, Ballroom 20.

Peter and Patricia Gruber International Research Award in Neuroscience
Support contributed by The Gruber Foundation
The Peter and Patricia Gruber International Research Award in Neuroscience is presented each year to two young neuroscientists for outstanding research and educational pursuit in an international setting. The awards will be presented prior to the Peter and Patricia Gruber Lecture at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 13, in the San Diego Convention Center, Ballroom 20.

Patricia Goldman-Rakic Hall of Honor
The Patricia Goldman-Rakic Hall of Honor posthumously recognizes a neuroscientist who has pursued career excellence and exhibited dedication to the advancement of women in neuroscience. The award will be presented during the Celebration of Women in Neuroscience Luncheon on Tuesday, November 15.

Ralph W. Gerard Prize in Neuroscience
The Ralph W. Gerard Prize, the highest recognition conferred by SfN, honors an outstanding scientist who has made significant contributions to neuroscience throughout his or her career. This prize 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 prize will be presented prior to the Presidential Special Lecture at 5:15 p.m. on Sunday, November 13, in the San Diego Convention Center, Ballroom 20.

Science Educator Award
Support contributed by The Dana Foundation
The Science Educator Award honors two outstanding neuroscientists who have made significant contributions to educating the public about neuroscience: one who conducts education activities full time and one who devotes his/her time primarily to research while conducting outreach, policy, and education activities. The award will be presented prior to the Presidential Special Lecture at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, in the San Diego Convention Center, Ballroom 20.

SfN Chapter-of-the-Year Award
This award is given to an SfN chapter that has engaged in exceptional, innovative activities at a local and community level and advanced the mission of the Society. The award will be presented at the Chapters Workshop at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 13 in the San Diego Convention Center, Room 11B.

Swartz Prize for Theoretical and Computational Neuroscience
Support contributed by The Swartz Foundation
The Swartz Prize honors an individual who has made noteworthy contributions in the field of theoretical or computational neuroscience. The prize will be presented prior to the Presidential Special Lecture at 5:15 p.m. on Saturday, November 12, in the San Diego Convention Center, Ballroom 20.

Young Investigator Award
The Young Investigator Award recognizes the outstanding achievements and contributions by a young neuroscientist who has received his or her advanced professional degree in the past 10 years. The award will be presented prior to the Albert and Ellen Grass Lecture at 3:15 p.m. on Monday, November 14, in the San Diego Convention Center, Ballroom 20.

SfN Professional Development Awards
Trainee Professional Development Awards
Support contributed by the Friends of SfN Fund, SfN Memorial Fund, Pfizer, and Burroughs Wellcome Fund
These awards honor outstanding undergraduate and graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. Recipients are chosen on the basis of the scientific merit of their abstract, CV, a letter of recommendation, and an essay. Awardees will present a poster during the Trainee Professional Development Awards Poster Session.

SfN/IBRO International Travel Awards
Sponsored by SfN and selected by the International Brain Research Organization (IBRO), these awards recognize young investigators from countries defined by the World Bank as low, lower-middle, or upper-middle income. This year, 30 awardees will attend Neuroscience 2016.

SfN/JNS Travel Award
SfN and the Japan Neuroscience Society (JNS) sponsor a joint award program allowing trainees from Japan to attend the SfN annual meeting and North American trainees from SfN to attend the JNS meeting in Japan. This year, SfN sent five trainees from North America to the JNS meeting in July. The program is administered by SfN’s Global Membership Committee and JNS.