



UNIVERSITY *of* MARYLAND
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

**Graduate Program in Life Sciences
&
Office of Postdoctoral Scholars
2022 Annual Awards Ceremony**

Elaine Miye Otani Memorial Award

PhD Scholar Award

PhD Thesis Award

MS Scholar Award

Postdoctoral Fellow Excellence in Research Award

Postdoctoral Fellow Excellence in Mentorship Award

Postdoctoral Fellow Excellence in Service Award

Faculty Excellence in Postdoctoral Mentorship Award

Teacher of the Year Award

Dr. Mark E. Shirtliff PhD Student Mentor Award

Dedicated Service Award

Monday, November 7, 2022

4 p.m.

HSF II Auditorium

2022 Award Winners

Elaine Miye Otani Memorial Award

Daniela Franco

Program in Neuroscience

Presented by Mark T. Gladwin, MD, Dean of the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

This award recognizes the Graduate Program in Life Sciences student of outstanding character who demonstrates superior academic performance and outstanding promise as an independent investigator.

PhD Scholar Award

Elizabeth Hill

Program in Molecular Microbiology and Immunology

Presented by Dudley Strickland, PhD, Director of the Center for Vascular and Inflammatory Diseases.

This award recognizes a Graduate Program in Life Sciences student who shows a combination of outstanding academic performance and great potential as a scientist.

PhD Thesis Award

Nisha Pawar, PhD

Program in Molecular Medicine

Presented by Julia Rutherford, Graduate Program in Life Sciences Student Advisory Committee Co-President.

This award recognizes a student whose thesis work has significance in their field of study and science in general.

MS Scholar Award

Jonathan Lawton

Masters in Epidemiology and Clinical Research

Program in Epidemiology and Human Genetics

Presented by Eileen M. Barry, PhD, Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology.

This award recognizes an outstanding student in one of our master's programs with stellar academic performance and great potential as a scientist.

2022 Award Winners

Excellence in Postdoctoral Research Award

Jose Lemme-Dumit, PhD
Center for Vaccine Development

Presented by Chris Ward, PhD, Professor, Department of Orthopaedics.

This award recognizes a postdoctoral fellow who has an outstanding record of professional development, an exceptional record of accomplishments, and significant work in a specific discipline and science in general.

Excellence in Postdoctoral Mentorship Award

Daiana Cardoso Oliveira Viera, PhD
Department of Physiology

Presented by Tonya Webb, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology.

This award recognizes a postdoctoral fellow who has an outstanding record of mentorship in a lab while at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

Excellence in Postdoctoral Service Award Winner

Joanna Cooper, PhD
Center for Vascular Biology and Inflammatory Diseases

Presented by Nivedita Hegdekar, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, Shock, Trauma, and Anesthesiology Research (STAR) Center.

This award recognizes a postdoctoral fellow who has an outstanding record of service to the University of Maryland School of Medicine community.

Faculty Excellence in Postdoctoral Mentorship Award

Matthew Trudeau, PhD
Department of Physiology

Presented by Sergio Dominguez Lopez, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology.

This award recognizes an outstanding faculty member who has a record of supportive mentorship of postdoctoral fellows in their lab.

2022 Award Winners

Teacher of the Year

Nevil Singh, PhD

Department of Microbiology and Immunology

Presented by Bret Hassel, PhD, Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology.

This award recognizes a member of the Graduate Program In Life Sciences faculty who is an outstanding and committed educator.

Dr. Mark E. Shirliff PhD Student Mentor Award

Joao Pedra, PhD

Department of Microbiology and Immunology

Presented by Dr. James Kaper, James & Carolyn Frenkil Distinguished Dean's Professor, Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, Chair, Department of Microbiology and Immunology

This award was created in honor of Mark E. Shirliff, PhD, former Professor in the School of Dentistry, Department of Microbial Pathogenesis and School of Medicine, Department of Microbiology and Immunology. The award recognizes faculty members who have a record of supportive graduate student mentorship.

Dedicated Service Award

Dudley K. Strickland, PhD

Center for Vascular and Inflammatory Diseases.

Presented by Sharron Graves, DBA, Program Administrator, Graduate Program in Life Sciences.

This award recognizes Dr. Dudley Strickland for his years of service to the Graduate Program in Life Sciences and Office of Postdoctoral Scholars.

Please join us in the HSF II Lobby for a reception celebrating our winners.