



CNLM Young Scholars Awards

Every spring, the Center for the Neurobiology of Learning and Memory (CNLM) offers awards to exceptional postdoctoral researchers, graduate students, and undergraduate students in neurobiology. These are highly competitive awards and the CNLM Director appoints a faculty committee each year for the purpose of selecting the most qualified candidates. Awardees may receive each award one time only, and may only receive one award in any given year.

Applications are submitted by the candidates and supporting letters of reference are requested from sponsoring faculty. Applications are typically due in March of every year with awardees announced in May. Award recipients will be invited to present their work in brief Elevator Pitch format to the UCI academic community and the public at the annual **CNLM Awards Ceremony**, which takes place in the Herklotz Conference Center. Friends and family are invited to join the celebration.

General guidelines:

- Applications typically open in **February** and close in **March** of every year. Awards are announced in **May**, with the awards ceremony shortly thereafter.
- **Dates and deadlines** are online at <http://cnlm.uci.edu/awards/>
- All applications require a minimum of three components:
 1. **Brief CV/resume** (no more than 2 pages);
 2. **Personal statement** (500 words maximum; criteria vary by award); and
 3. **Recommendation letter** by sponsoring faculty member.
- Student awards additionally require an **unofficial transcript**. Some awards have **additional requirements** such as research descriptions or advancement documents.
- Once application is submitted, the faculty sponsor will be **automatically contacted** to request a recommendation letter.
- Applications can only be submitted online at <http://cnlm.uci.edu/awards/>
- For questions, please email memory@uci.edu.

YOUNG SCHOLAR AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

RENEE HARWICK ADVANCED GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

- **Purpose and Criteria:** This award is funded from an endowed gift given to the CNLM by our long-time supporter, Dr. Renee Harwick. The award will be given to a graduate student who shows outstanding scientific promise, as evidenced by research accomplishments as well as the quality of his/her advancement document. The purpose of the award is to provide funds to support the completion of the student's Ph.D. thesis.
- **Eligibility:** Must be a graduate student who is in the laboratory of a CNLM Fellow on the UCI campus and who has advanced to candidacy within the last two years.
- **Awards available: 1 or more \$1,000 awards**
- **Upload requirements:**
 1. CV/resume (max 2 pages)
 2. unofficial transcript
 3. personal statement (500 words)
 4. PhD advancement document
- **Personal statement considerations:** please address research accomplishments, experience, and future dissertation plans.

ROGER W. RUSSELL SCHOLARS AWARD

- **Purpose and Criteria:** This prize is awarded in memory of Roger W. Russell, who was a Lifetime Distinguished Fellow of the CNLM. The award is funded by an endowment established in 1998 by Roger's family, friends and colleagues. The purpose of the award is to recognize an individual who emulates and demonstrates Roger Russell's (1) Dedication to exacting scholarship in the conduct of research, (2) Personal attributes of integrity and collegiality, and (3) Steadfast and strong support of the goals and programs of the CNLM.
- **Eligibility:** Must be a *graduate student or postdoctoral fellow* who is in the laboratory of a CNLM Fellow on the UCI campus and who has advanced to candidacy within the last two years.
- **Awards available: 1 or more \$1,000 awards**
- **Upload requirements:**
 1. CV/resume (max 2 pages)
 2. unofficial transcript (for graduate students only)

3. personal statement (500 words)
- **Personal statement considerations:** please address dedication to research and scholarship, any teaching or mentorship experience, and service contributions to the CNLM.

JOHN W. HAYCOCK MEMORIAL TRAVEL AWARD

- **Purpose and Criteria:** This award was established to honor John W. Haycock, a former UCI graduate student. Dr. Haycock's siblings established this endowed award, and many friends and colleagues have also contributed to it. The award will be presented to an outstanding graduate student in neuroscience to assist him/her in attending the annual Society for Neuroscience (SFN) conference. The student must prepare an abstract and plan on presenting their research at the SFN meeting. The purpose of the award is to defray the student's registration and travel costs to the meeting.
- **Eligibility:** Must be a graduate student who is in the laboratory of a CNLM Fellow on the UCI campus.
- **Awards available: 1 or more \$1,000 awards**
- **Upload requirements:**
 1. CV/resume (max 2 pages)
 2. unofficial transcript
 3. personal statement (500 words)
- **Personal statement considerations:** please address research accomplishments, experience, and how the student will benefit from travel and presenting at SFN.

JARED M. ROBERTS MEMORIAL TRAVEL AWARD

- **Purpose and Criteria:** The Jared M. Roberts Memorial Travel Award was set up in 2017 by friends, family members, and colleagues to honor the contributions of Jared M. Roberts, who conducted his graduate studies at the CNLM. The award will be presented to an outstanding graduate student in neuroscience to assist him/her in attending the annual Winter Neurobiology of Learning and Memory Meeting at Park City, UT. The student must prepare an abstract and plan on presenting their research at the Park City meeting. The purpose of the award is to defray the student's registration and travel costs to the meeting.
- **Eligibility:** Must be a graduate student who is in the laboratory of a CNLM Fellow on the UCI campus.

- **Awards available: 2 or more \$1,000 awards (including match by Graduate Division)**
- **Upload requirements:**
 1. CV/resume (max 2 pages)
 2. unofficial transcript
 3. personal statement (500 words)
- **Personal statement considerations:** please address research accomplishments, experience, and how the student will benefit from travel and presenting at Park City.

FRIENDS OF THE CNLM SUMMER RESEARCH AWARD

- **Purpose and Criteria:** These awards are funded by annual contributions from the Friends of the CNLM. The purpose of the awards is to provide financial assistance to students while they perform research in CNLM laboratories over the summer. Awards will be based primarily on evidence of excellence in undergraduate laboratory research and secondarily on academic grades and other activities.
- **Eligibility:** Must be a UCI undergraduate in Biological Sciences enrolled in 199 undergraduate research over the summer. The undergraduate receiving the award ordinarily must have no other scholarship support and must not be receiving compensation from any other UCI source for his/her research work in the CNLM laboratory for summer (for example, a summer project already awarded a SURP award is ineligible for the Friends of the CNLM Award).
- **Awards available: 1 or more \$1,000 awards**
- **Upload requirements:**
 1. CV/resume (max 2 pages)
 2. unofficial transcript
 3. personal statement (500 words)
- **Personal statement considerations:** please address research experience, current research project, future research goals, and how the award will be used to support research activities.

CAROL BECKER MCGAUGH AWARD

- **Purpose and Criteria:** This award was established in the School of Biological Sciences in 2003 by Carol Joyce Becker McGaugh and James L. McGaugh. The award is presented to an undergraduate student completing his/her 3rd year for outstanding research in the

neurobiology of learning and memory. The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward a student who excels in both scholarship and research, and to support the student in completing research in their senior year. *The recipient will be additionally recognized at the School of Biological Sciences' Undergraduate Honors Convocation Ceremony.*

- **Eligibility:** Must be a UCI undergraduate in Biological Sciences completing his or her third year of studies.
- **Awards available: 1 or more \$1,000 awards**
- **Upload requirements:**
 1. CV/resume (max 2 pages)
 2. unofficial transcript
 3. personal statement (500 words)
- **Personal statement considerations:** please address research experience, current research, future research goals, and how the award will be used to support research activities.

CAROL AND JAMES MCGAUGH AWARD

- **Purpose and Criteria:** In memory of Carol McGaugh and to honor Dr. James McGaugh, the Carol and James McGaugh Award was established in 2018 by daughter Janice McGaugh Morrow and son-in-law William Morrow. The award recognizes a hard-working student completing his/her 3rd year in neuroscience with a strong moral character, integrity, and demonstrated potential for making a difference in neuroscience. Preference will be given to a **first-generation** student. *The recipient will be additionally recognized at the School of Biological Sciences' Undergraduate Honors Convocation Ceremony.*
- **Eligibility:** Must be a UCI undergraduate in Biological Sciences completing his or her third year of studies.
- **Awards available: 1 or more \$1,000 awards**
- **Upload requirements:**
 1. CV/resume (max 2 pages)
 2. unofficial transcript
 3. personal statement (500 words)
- **Personal statement considerations:** please address academic and research experience, commitment to the field of neuroscience, as well as evidence of strong moral resolve and ability to overcome obstacles.

JAMES TAIT GOODRICH AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN NEUROBIOLOGY IN HONOR OF JAMES MCGAUGH

- **Purpose and Criteria:** This award was established in 2018 by James Tait Goodrich, M.D., Ph.D. and Mrs. Judy L. Goodrich to honor Dr. James McGaugh. The award recognizes an undergraduate student completing his/her 3rd year, for outstanding achievement in neurobiology. *The recipient will be additionally recognized at the School of Biological Sciences' Undergraduate Honors Convocation Ceremony.*
- **Eligibility:** Must be a UCI undergraduate in Biological Sciences completing his or her third year of studies.
- **Awards available: 1 or more \$1,000 awards**
- **Upload requirements:**
 1. CV/resume (max 2 pages)
 2. unofficial transcript
 3. personal statement (500 words)
- **Personal statement considerations:** please address achievement in neurobiology scholarship and research.