Neuroscience Institute Graduate Student Awards

These awards are designed to recognize excellence in all forms for students within Neuroscience graduate programs at Georgia State University.

Awards in each category are not automatically given each year and are subject to meritorious applications. Awards will be accompanied by an honorarium and recipients highlighted on the departmental website, as well as through other appropriate internal offices. With the exception of the Neuroscience Impact Award, a student is eligible to receive a given award only once during their graduate tenure.

For each award, applicants will submit a CV, brief statement relevant to the particular award criteria, and a letter of support from the mentor/supervising instructor. All applications will be reviewed by the Awards Subcommittee of the Graduate Program Committee.

Outstanding Doctoral Scholar Award

This award is given to a graduate trainee in the Neuroscience PhD program who has advanced to candidacy (i.e. passed QE and dissertation proposal); has excelled in their academics (cumulative GPA ≥ 3.5); and has demonstrated an outstanding, sustained track record of scholarly productivity as measured by publications, presentations, and honors/awards.

Neuroscience Impact Award

Award is given to a graduate trainee who published a primary literature article(s) in the past 12 months of significant impact to the field. Impact may be measured in multiple ways including journal reputation (impact factor); press coverage; novelty/transformative influence on field of study; etc. Only first and second places on the authors’ list count. Review articles are excluded, but in combination with primary literature publication(s) will be considered as a measure of overall impact.

Outstanding Graduate Student Mentor Award

Award is given to a graduate trainee who has demonstrated excellence in mentoring. Mentoring track record will be considered on aggregate with a particular emphasis on engagement and success in mentoring of Georgia State University undergraduates.

Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award

Award is given to a graduate trainee who has demonstrated excellence in teaching in the neuroscience undergraduate program as evidence by track record of teaching experience and letter of recommendation of faculty supervisor(s).

Outstanding Graduate Student Service Award

Award is given to a graduate trainee who has demonstrated excellence in service. Track record of impactful engagement in service will be considered on all levels from departmental/university to community/public outreach and in service to the discipline.