2009 Neuroscience Research Awards

The Neuroscience Department is proud to announce this year’s awards recipients: Pictured below (from left to right) are Samuel Stoyak; recipient of the Excellence in Research Award, Daniel Mandell who received the James E. Bradler Jr. Award; and Steven Cassady who earned the Excellence in Research Award. We congratulate these students and wish them continued success in all their research endeavors.

James E. Bradler Jr. Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research—named in honor of Jim Bradler, a former graduate student in the Department of Neuroscience. Jim’s undergraduate research experience changed his life and set him on the path to become a scientist. Jim died unexpectedly in 1990, and this award was created by the then Departmental Chair, Ed Stricker, to memorialize Jim’s life experience and to celebrate the transformational impact of research.

The Research Excellence Award—created by the Department to recognize students who have excelled in the laboratory as evidenced by an unusually high level of productivity, profound commitment to completion of a research project, and great potential for a career in research.

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Important Dates

Summer Term (Code 2097)

- May 13, 2009: 4 week 1 and 6 week 1 add/drop period ends
- May 18, 2009: 12 week session add/drop period ends
- May 25, 2009: Memorial Day
- May 27, 2009: 4 week 1 Monitored Withdrawal deadline
- June 5, 2009: 6 week 1 Monitored Withdrawal deadline
- June 6, 2009: 4 week 1 session ends
- June 8, 2009: 4 week 2 session begins

May 2009

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- 27: 4wk1 withdrawal deadline
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Fall 2009 REGISTRATION IN PROGRESS
Term Code: 2101
Make your appointment today!

- Neuroscience People
- Major Requirements/Fellowships
- Course Offerings
- Employment/Volunteer Opportunities
**Major Requirements**

Students must complete BIOSC 0150, BIOSC 0160, CHEM 0110, and CHEM 0120 with a grade of C or better (not C-) in order to declare Neuroscience as a major. To graduate with a BS degree in Neuroscience, students must maintain a 2.0 GPA in major courses and in co-requisite courses.

**Departmental Honors**

Departmental Honors are awarded to students who have achieved outstanding academic success. To qualify for this distinguished honor, a minimum overall GPA of 3.25, a minimum Neuroscience GPA of 3.25, and a substantial amount of approved Neuroscience research must be conducted. Additionally, students are required to give a public presentation of their research. Eligible students must then pass a faculty review.

**Capstone Requirement**

Students who have matriculated to A & S since Fall of 2008 must complete a capstone experience. For more information, please contact the advising office via email or call 412-624-5156.

**Fellowship Opportunities**

**University of Pittsburgh Fellowships**

- **Brackenridge Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship**
  Research participants receive a monthly $800 stipend to assure their freedom from the need to work during the summer.

- **Chancellor's Undergraduate Research Fellowship**
  $600 one-term stipend for undergraduate students engaged in research.

- **Chancellor's Undergraduate Teaching Fellowship**
  $600 one-term stipend for undergraduate students engaged in teaching with a faculty member.
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Looking for a meaningful and fulfilling job in which you can not only help others, but also learn skills you can apply to an academic and professional career in health care?

Serve as a Personal Care Assistant this summer!

ASSISTANCE NEEDED THIS SUMMER
(OR POSSIBLY LONGER)

Looking for students to assist an active woman with Multiple Sclerosis and quadriplegia with the activities of daily living and personal care. Must be committed and enthusiastic. No previous experience needed.

When: Alternating Saturdays 8:30am-4:30pm thru mid-July
Thursday, Friday and Saturday 5:30pm – 9:30pm
Beginning soon

Where/ transport: Mt. Lebanon. Must have own transportation.

Pay: $12.00 per hour

If interested please call
Debbie or Bob at (412) 531-5227

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Dr. Susan Sesack is seeking a student for a paid, part-time, non-research position over the summer term. The student will assist Dr. Sesack in creating new handouts for the Functional Neuroanatomy course based on the existing handouts and Power Point presentations.

Students with good computer and organizational skills who are interested in earning some extra cash over the summer should contact Dr. Sesack at sesack@pitt.edu.

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RESEARCH ASSOCIATE POSITION
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH MEDICAL CENTER

The Translational Neuroscience Program (http://www.tnp.pitt.edu/) Dr. David Lewis Laboratory

Responsibilities
- Interact with a team to dissect, process, store, and organize brain tissue.
- Learn various histological preparation techniques and how to conduct immunocytochemical analysis of brain tissue for research projects that focus on the neural circuitry of the prefrontal cortex and interconnected regions
- Gain valuable experience in laboratory techniques such as extracting and measuring brain tissue samples for mRNA integrity as well as reagent and solution preparation for ongoing studies
- Act as a liaison and harvest brain tissue at the Office of the Medical Examiner of Allegheny County

Learning Opportunities
- Expand your computer skills by learning Microsoft Access to assist in database entry and organization
- Gain a strong knowledge of neuroanatomy
- Work with a broad range of scientists studying schizophrenia and related disorders

Excellent opportunity for those interested in a career in medicine or research

Applicants should have a Bachelor’s degree in biological sciences or related field.

Please send a resume to Kelly Rogers via fax (412-624-9910) or email (rogerskm2@upmc.edu)