Spring 2016 IMP Student Spotlight

Molecules to Mankind (M2M) Fellowship

IMP students continue to take advantage of opportunities at Emory such as the Molecules to Mankind Fellowships. IMP second-year student, Taryn McLaughlin (Day Lab), joins the M2M student ranks. Taryn recently accepted a 2-year M2M fellow position. The M2M program is sponsored by the Burroughs Wellcome Foundation and the Laney Graduate School. It exists to create an intersection between laboratory and population based sciences. To learn more, visit: http://www.m2m.emory.edu/

American Transplant Congress Young Investigator Award and NRSA F30 Pre-Doctoral Fellowship

Out of approximately 3000 submissions, David Mathews (Adams Lab) was one of 5 young investigators who received the prestigious American Transplant Congress Young Investigator Award this spring. His award is funded by the American Society of Transplantation. In addition to this award, Dave also secured an NRSA F30 individual pre-doctoral fellowship. He plans to use the fellowship to support his investigations into the role of CD122 signaling in supporting costimulation independent rejection. Dave’s achievements speak to his own work as well as underscoring the great work being done at the Emory Transplant Center.

NRSA F31 Pre-Doctoral Fellowships

Third year IMP student, Thayer King (Lamb Lab) received a Ruth L. Kirschstein NRSA Individual Pre-doctoral Fellowship. The NIH National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke awarded the research fellowship for a period of up to three years to support Thayer’s research project titled, “The Role of EphA2 in the Development of Cerebral Malaria”.

In addition to Thayer, second year student, Amanda Mener (Stowell Lab) also secured an NRSA F31 Fellowship this spring. Amanda’s fellowship is sponsored by the National Heart, Blood, and Lung Institute and will support her research for the remainder of her time in the IMP program. We are very proud of both of these young scientists for obtaining these highly competitive individual fellowships.

Amanda also represented Emory and the IMP program at the conference “B Cells at the Intersection of Innate and Adaptive Immunity” that was held in Stockholm, Sweden this past spring. She was able to attend this conference on a student travel scholarship awarded by The Keystone Symposia, which gives a few student scholarships to help defray the costs of attending the conference. This was an exciting opportunity for Amanda as it allowed her to interact with the current leaders in B cell immunology research.
Osric Forrest (Tirouvanziam Lab) has been selected for a one-year graduate fellowship through the Emory SIRE program. This unique program gives graduate students an opportunity to mentor undergraduates in their first research experience. Additionally, the graduate fellows, representing diverse departments on campus, work together to plan professional development workshops for the undergraduates. To learn more about the graduate fellowships available through this great Emory program, visit:

http://college.emory.edu/home/academic/research/sire/fellows/index.html