

The Guy Berst Memorial Training Award for Advancing Scientific Training

Purpose: Guy Berst worked at MCW for 15 years as Associate Director of Recruitment and Marketing. Guy was a strong advocate for all students and thoroughly enjoyed watching students' careers flourish into lifelong scientific careers. Guy loved listening to student's research projects and how their training was progressing. In memory of Guy's support and advocacy, the GSA will sponsor a training award (\$500) to support students' travels to furthering their scientific training. This can take the form of a scientific workshop and/or travel to another lab to learn and improve a new technique.

Application Timeline: July 1st until June 30th of following year

Application Deadline: June 30th of academic funding cycle

Award amount: \$500 allocated from GSA budget to one selected applicant

Award Eligibility and Stipulations

1. There is no limit to number of applicants that will be accepted for review.
2. Any MCW graduate student traveling to a scientific workshop and/or off-site laboratory to learn/improve a new technique, experimental approach, or furthering scientific training is eligible for this award.
3. In the event the money for this award is not used, then the \$500 will be distributed to two recipients the following year.
4. The Training Award winner is responsible for providing a short summary (500 words or less) of their training experience, no later than 30 days post end of training event, to be shared with Guy's family.
5. The \$500 award will be payable to the student upon receipt of the short summary as noted above.
6. The Awards Committee representative is responsible for compiling photographs and summary of training from the award winner (or travel award substitute) to send to Guy's family.

Application Guidelines

1. All completed applications are due to the graduate school by June 30th. All applications received after June 30th will be considered for following year's training award.
2. The Awards Committee is tasked with determining the recipients of the award.
3. Students applying for this award must be in good standing with graduate school.
4. The student must provide evidence for acceptance to attend either a scientific workshop or agreement to be housed in another researcher's laboratory.

Written Essay Guidelines:

All applicants must include a short essay (1,000 words or less) describing the following for Awards Committee to review:

1. Are you attending a scientific workshop or visiting a laboratory for training?
2. Where do you plan to travel for your training event?
3. Who do you plan to receive training from? (i.e. specific individual, a society, or team of scientists, etc.)
4. What is the scientific area of focus for your training event?
5. What impact will attending this training event make on your thesis project progression and/or career development.