APPENDIX C: The Guy Berst Memorial Training Award for Advancing Scientific Training

Purpose: Guy Berst worked at the Medical College of Wisconsin for 15 years as the Associate Director of Recruitment and Marketing. Guy was a strong advocate for all students and thoroughly enjoyed watching their careers flourish into lifelong scientific careers. Guy loved listening to students’ research projects and how their training was progressing. In memory of Guy’s support and advocacy, the Graduate Student Association will sponsor a training award ($500) to support 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 the academic funding cycle

Award Amount: $500 will be allocated from the Graduate Student Association’s budget and awarded to one selected applicant.

Award Eligibility and Stipulations
1. There is no limit to the number of applicants that will be accepted for review.
2. Any 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, the $500 will be distributed to two recipients the following year.

Application Guidelines
1. All completed applications are due to the Graduate School Office by the June 30th deadline. 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 the School of Graduate Studies.
4. The student must provide evidence of 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 the 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? (e.g., 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 have on your thesis project progression and/or career development?
Medical College of Wisconsin, School of Graduate Studies
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Today’s Date: ____________________________________________

Name of Student Applicant: _______________________________________________________

Degree-Granting Department: _____________________________________________________

Degree Being Pursued: _______________ Expected Date of Graduation: _______________

Name of Faculty Sponsor and Department of Primary Appointment: ______________________

Length of time spent by student at this workshop or laboratory: __________________________

Location of Training: ____________________________________________________________

Date(s) of Training: _____________________________________________________________

Required Signatures:

Applicant: _______________________________________

Advisor: ________________________________________

Department Chair: ________________________________

Department Administrator: _________________________

Please provide the following with this application:

• Proof of acceptance for scientific training or workshop
• Essay 1,000 words or less describing the following:
  ○ Are you attending a scientific workshop or visiting a laboratory for training?
  ○ Where do you plan to travel for your training event?
  ○ Who do you plan to receive training from? (specific individual, a society, or a team of scientists, etc.)
  ○ What is the scientific area of focus for your training event?
  ○ What impact will attending this training event have on your thesis project/dissertation progression and/or career development?

Please email the required materials to the Graduate School (gradschool@mcw.edu) by June 30th