

**The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center UTHealth
Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences**

Dr. John J. Kopchick Research Award

The MD Anderson UTHealth Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences is requesting applications for the first Dr. John J. Kopchick Research Award. This award, which will be made to a GSBS student and their GSBS advisor, will support up to \$50,000 of research expenses over a one-year period (please see finalist application below for budget restrictions). Awards are intended to provide pilot funding for innovative research projects in any area of biomedical science. All PhD and MD/PhD students in good academic standing are eligible.

Because of the interest in this award, applications will be reviewed in a two-step process. Pre-applications will initially be solicited and reviewed to select no more than 8 finalists who will be asked to submit more extensive applications that will be reviewed to select the winning student and advisor.

Review Criteria:

1. Quality of the research plan and its potential impact on the field of study
2. Potential of the project for enhancing the training of the participating GSBS student
3. Academic excellence of the student and faculty advisor.

Pre-Application

The pre-application should be prepared together by the student and faculty advisor. It should include the following components (all 11 point Arial, 0.5" margins or larger).

1. Pre-application cover page
2. Specific Aims page (one page)
3. NIH biographical sketches of both the student and faculty research advisor on the student's biosketch only, it is acceptable to list publications that are currently in submission.

All items should be assembled into a single PDF file and submitted to Joy Lademora (Joy.Lademora@uth.tmc.edu). Please include "Kopchick Research Award" followed by the student's last name in the subject line of the email.

Deadline – June 24th, 2021 5:00 PM

Pre-application Review and selection of finalists

All pre-applications will be reviewed to select no more than 8 finalists.

The finalists will be notified of their selection by July 14th.

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Pre-application Cover Page

A. Applicants

GSBS Faculty Advisor Name:

GSBS Student Name:

Semester/Year of GSBS Enrollment:

Estimated Semester/Year of Graduation:

B. Project

Project Title:

Please describe the respective roles of the student and advisor in preparing the specific aims page:

Finalist Application (to be completed only if notified by GSBS)

The application should be prepared together by the student and faculty research advisor. It should include the following components (all in 11 point Arial, with 0.5" margins or larger):

1. Finalist Application Cover page.
2. A research proposal, not to exceed six pages (excluding bibliography): The proposal should describe the hypothesis, specific aims, background, significance and experimental strategy of the project.
3. A one-page Training Plan for the student, written by the advisor should be provided. In it describe unique aspects of the training that are tailored to meet the student's needs and career goals. Also indicate how the proposed research project will impact the student's training.
4. NIH Biographical Sketches for both the student and the faculty advisor. On the student's biosketch only, it is acceptable to list publications that are currently in submission.
5. A one-page budget for the project. Please note that funds provided by this award may not be used for capital expenses, administrative salaries, overhead, support staff, equipment, faculty salaries, student stipends or grant writers. Funds must be expensed at either UTHealth or MD Anderson within one year of the time of award and all expenditures must be made in compliance with institutional policies and procedures.

All items should be assembled into a single PDF file and submitted to Joy Lademora (Joy.Lademora@uth.tmc.edu). Please include "Kopchick Research Award" followed by the student's last name in the subject line of the email.

Deadline for submission of Finalist Application materials: September 1, 2021 at 5:00 PM

Final Review and selection of winners.

Applications will be reviewed by an *ad hoc* committee of GSBS faculty who will recommend winners to the Deans. The winners will be notified in late September and funds will become available by November 1, 2021

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Finalist Application Cover Page

C. Applicants

GSBS Faculty Advisor Name:

GSBS Student Name:

Semester/Year of GSBS Enrollment:

Estimated Semester/Year of Graduation:

D. Project

Project Title:

Please describe the respective roles of the student and advisor in preparing the research proposal:

E. Site of Research

Institution:

Department :

Contact Person: