

Dee S. and Patricia Osborne Endowed Scholarship in the Neurosciences

Research Excellence Award

The GSBS Neuroscience Graduate Program has established the Dee S. and Patricia Osborne Endowed Scholarship in the Neurosciences Research Excellence Award program to recognize graduate students for exceptional research accomplishments. Awards will be made annually to two deserving neuroscience program students. One award for \$1000 will be made to a pre-candidacy PhD or Masters student and another award for \$2000 will be made to a post-candidacy PhD student. The final award amounts may vary.

Eligibility

To be eligible for nomination for the Dee S. and Patricia Osborne Endowed Scholarship in the Neurosciences Research Excellence Award, Neuroscience program students must meet the following requirements:

- Have a primary affiliation in the Neuroscience program
- Be in good academic standing, i.e., current committee meeting.
- Have not received the award within two years of the current award period (this does not apply for the NRC Dee S. and Patricia Osborne Endowed Scholarship in the Neurosciences).
- Must be nominated 6 months prior to thesis defense

Criteria

To be nominated for the Dee S. and Patricia Osborne Endowed Scholarship in the Neurosciences Research Excellence Award a copy of the student's CV must accompany a letter from the student's research mentor that details the significance and impact of the student's research contributions, novelty and originality of the student's work, and the student's level of contribution or execution to the project.

Please note that for post-candidacy students, preference will be given to those who have presented a talk or poster at the symposium or WIP within 12 months of being nominated (or scheduled to give a WIP Spring 2026). For pre-candidacy students, preference will be given to those who have presented a poster or a talk at the symposium. Elevator pitch/data blitz talks will not count towards this.

Nomination Process

Nominations for the Dee S. and Patricia Osborne Endowed Scholarship in the Neurosciences Research Excellence Award must be submitted by the student's mentor between January 1-February 15. Applications will be sent to the Neuroscience Steering Committee by February 20

for review and awardees will be notified by March 15. Mentors can click [here](#) to complete the Research Excellence Award Nominee Submission Form.

Award Process

All nominations for the Dee S. and Patricia Osborne Endowed Scholarship in the Neurosciences Research Excellence Award will be reviewed and approved by the faculty on the Neuroscience Steering Committee. The committee will review submissions and select two award recipients based on the criteria listed above. The Dee S. and Patricia Osborne Endowed Scholarship in the Neurosciences Research Excellence Award recipients will be announced and awarded during the annual program retreat and will be expected to give a short talk.

For more information on the Research Excellence Award, please contact Manager, Educational Programs, Amanda.J.Williamson@uth.tmc.edu.