

Student Awards and Special Recognition in Microbiology & Immunology in 2009

Elizabeth Novak, a 4th Yr. Ph.D. student in the laboratory of **Dr. Don Demuth**, received two awards in 2009:

- 2nd place Doctoral Basic Science Graduate Award at Research! Louisville 2009.
- A Ruth Kirschstein F31 Pre-doctoral fellowship grant from the NIH to support her studies for the Ph.D. (2009).

Courtney George, a M.D./ Ph.D. student in the laboratory of **Dr. Robert Stout**, was awarded a Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award fellowship from NIH to support her studies for the Ph.D. in 2009.

Chelsea Eaves, a 3rd Yr. Ph.D. student in the laboratory of **Dr. Tom Mitchell**, was awarded an American Heart Association pre-doctoral fellowship for her project entitled " The role of IL-1beta in Monophosphoryl Lipid A's low toxicity and TRIF-biased signaling" in 2009.

Rich-Henry Schabowsky, mentored by **Dr. Haval Shirwan**, received a "Doctoral Dissertation Completion Award" from the School of Interdisciplinary and Graduate Studies. This generous scholarship is awarded to exceptional graduate students for their last semester as they complete their dissertation research.

Caglar Cekic, a Ph.D. graduate in fall 2009, mentored by **Dr. Tom Mitchell**, received a "Dean's Citation Award" in recognition of his overall excellent performance in our graduate program.

Duygu Sag Cekic, a Ph.D. graduate in spring 2009 in the laboratory of **Dr. Jill Suttles**, was awarded a "Dean's Citation Award" at Spring 2009 Commencement as recognition of her overall excellent performance in our graduate program.

Juhi Bagaitkar, a 3rd Yr. Ph.D. student in the laboratory of **Dr. David Scott**, received a 1st place award for her poster presentation titled "Tobacco-regulated changes to P. gingivalis fimbrial proteins and capsule polysaccharides induce TLR2 hyposensitivity" at the James Graham Brown Cancer Center 8th Annual Retreat held on Friday, November 6, 2009.

Abhishek K. Srivastava, a 4th Yr. Ph.D. student in the laboratory of **Dr. Haval Shirwan**, received two awards in 2009:

- A 2nd place award for his poster presentation titled "Costimulation tunes anti-tumor immunity: A novel platform for the development of therapeutic vaccines" at James Graham Brown Cancer Center 8th Annual Retreat held on Friday, November 6, 2009.
- Michael K. Tanner Memorial Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Sciences at Research! Louisville 2009.

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Colleen Tucker, a 5th Yr. Ph.D. student in the laboratory of **Dr. Michele Kosiewicz**, was awarded a 1st place Doctoral Basic Science Graduate Award at Research! Louisville 2009.