

The Karpay Award in Structural Biology

The Karpay Award was established in 2010 to honor the memory of Dr. Anne Karpay. The award will recognize one senior graduate student each year who is a well-rounded colleague and scientist, who is collaborative and collegial, and who has performed exceptional research in structural biology. Each of these criteria is important.

The Award:

- The award will consist of a \$1,500 honorarium and the winner will have their name added to a plaque that will be housed in the Vanderbilt Center for Structural Biology.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be Vanderbilt University PhD candidates in good standing. At the time of application, applicants must have completed their qualifying exam, but not yet defended their thesis.

- Applicants may have performed research in any area of structural biology, broadly defined.

- Applicants may only apply for the Karpay Award once during their graduate career – those applicants who are not successful in a given year may not reapply. It is advised but not required that applicants apply during the year before their anticipated thesis defense in order to have the strongest application.

Application process:

- Applications should be brief, use no smaller than 11-point font with 0.5 inch margins, and include:

- (a) the cover page, filled out by the applicant

- (b) a 2-page description of current research

- (c) a 1-page description of future goals

- (d) a CV

- (e) a letter from the PhD advisor that emphasizes activities that identify the student as well-rounded, highlights the collaborative and collegial nature of the student, and notes the student's scientific and academic achievements.

Sections (a) – (d) should be compiled into a single PDF file. Please include applicant's name in the upper right hand corner, label each section, and begin each section on a separate page. Section (e) should be sent from the PhD advisor separately.

- Applications should be submitted by email to tina.iverson@vanderbilt.edu. All application materials must be received before 5PM on September 1. An email acknowledging receipt will be sent within 24 hours of all materials being received. Notification of the award winner will be October 15.

Terms of the Award:

- The award is contingent upon the winner presenting a special seminar in the Molecular Biophysics Training Grant seminar series during the student time slot in January. The award and plaque will be presented at the end of the seminar.

- In the spirit of collegiality, the winner is highly encouraged to continue the tradition of using ~1/3 of the award money to host a dinner for their laboratory and friends during the week following the award presentation.

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Name:

Department:

PhD advisor:

Research Abstract (200 words or less):

Brief description of activities that highlight well-rounded character, collaborative spirit, and collegiality (200 words or less):