The Randolph Blake Early Career Award

The Randolph Blake Early Career Award. The program in Psychological Sciences at Vanderbilt established The Randolph Blake Early Career Award to recognize exemplary alumni of our program in the early stages of their career. The recipient receives a plaque, a $500 award, and an invitation to give a research colloquium at Vanderbilt. The nominee must have been an undergraduate, graduate student, or postdoc. This award honors Randolph Blake as a distinguished Vanderbilt alumnus, as an outstanding researcher and mentor, and as a former chair of the Department of Psychology who served in that role during some of the most important years of its growth.

The Application Procedure

The nominee must have been an honors student, a graduate student, or a postdoctoral fellow in the program in Psychological Sciences at Vanderbilt University (in either the Department of Psychology in the College of Arts and Science or the Department of Psychology and Human Development in Peabody College at Vanderbilt). Nominees must be within the first five years of appointment in their first faculty position. Nominations must be made by a faculty member in the program in Psychological Sciences and must include a nomination letter from the faculty member and the nominee’s current curriculum vitae. The letter of nomination should summarize the research accomplishments of the nominee and place those accomplishments in the context of other leading junior scientists in the field.

Nominations and supported material should be submitted to Erin Duran (erin.duran@vanderbilt.edu), Program Coordinator in the Department of Psychology. Applications will be reviewed by an ad hoc committee consisting of two faculty members from the Department of Psychology and two faculty members from the Department of Psychology and Human Development.

Please submit all nomination materials electronically so that we do not need to make multiple paper copies to distribute to the committee. Thank you.

Timeline

Award will be announced at September’s Fall Assembly.

Number of Awards

Although we will send out a call for nominations every year, we expect that there may be years when we do not make an award.

Past Winners:

N/A (2022)
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N/A (2020)
Gregory Samanez-Larkin (2019)
Janneke Jehee (2018)
Frederick Verbruggen (2014)
Xiangmin Xu (2013)
Paul Dux (2012)
Gabriel Dichter (2011)
Emmy Grossman (2010)
David Lyon (2009)
Tom James (2008)
Sang-Hun Lee (2007)