Name of Award
Postdoc Service Award

Sponsor
The Vanderbilt Postdoctoral Association and The Graduate School

Eligibility
• The nominee must be a current Postdoc at Vanderbilt University or Vanderbilt University Medical Center.
• Self-nominations and nominations by others are accepted.

Criteria
• Demonstrated sustained leadership skills to foster Postdoc experience at Vanderbilt
• Demonstrated meaningful contribution in national and international societies relevant to their research field, e.g., moderating sessions at national/international conferences
• Engaged in scholarly research activities outside regular lab responsibilities to advance science, e.g., reviewing manuscripts for journals
• Service to the community at large, including other mentoring activities

Nomination Process and Selection
• The VPA solicits nominations from all postdoctoral scholars at Vanderbilt by mid-March.
  o Nominations will be submitted in the form of a recommendation letter.
• The VPA Symposium Planning Sub-committee reviews and votes on all nominations.

Limitation
Each Postdoc is eligible to receive the service award once during his or her tenure at Vanderbilt University or Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Frequency
The award will be presented annually by the Dean of the Graduate School each spring at the Annual VPA Symposium. Award Plaque Announcement in Postdoc Talk and other Vanderbilt University news