

“Bushra Zaman Awarded PhRMA Foundation Fellowship”

We are thrilled to announce that Bushra Zaman, a doctoral student in our department, has been awarded the prestigious PhRMA Foundation Pre-doctoral Fellowship in Drug Discovery. The PhRMA Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering biopharmaceutical innovation by supporting the next generation of scientists. For over 50 years, the Foundation has invested in young scientists, like Bushra, providing the necessary resources for advancements in drug discovery and development. These fellowships are designed to identify and support the most promising “best and brightest” researchers whose work has the potential to lead to the development of safe and effective new therapies for patients.

The fellowship provides Bushra with \$30,000 in annual stipend support for two years, totaling a \$60,000 investment in her professional development. This funding is specifically intended to support students in the advanced stages of their training, allowing them to focus exclusively on their thesis research and the completion of their doctoral degrees.

By securing this funding, Bushra has demonstrated a remarkable level of dedication and technical expertise. This milestone not only highlights the caliber of her current work but also sets a strong foundation for her future career in health research. We look forward to seeing the impact of her contributions as she moves toward graduation and beyond.

Please join us in celebrating Bushra Zaman’s outstanding achievement and her continued contributions to our scientific community!



“Science, Brisket, and Breakthroughs: The Fantegrossi Lab Takes on San Antonio ”

Dr. Fantegrossi, Dr. Gannon, Dr. Honeywell, graduate student Spencer Snow, research assistant Andriy Fomin, and former Fantegrossi Lab summer students John Striednig (UAMS medical student) and Henry Westphal (ASPET SURF student) recently attended the 18th Annual Behavior, Biology, and Chemistry (BBC): Translational Research in Substance Use Disorders Conference in San Antonio, TX.

The BBC meeting is a unique, single-track conference designed to foster transdisciplinary interactions among chemists, pharmacologists, and clinicians. At the meeting, the members of the Fantegrossi Lab presented their findings regarding the behavioral outcomes of psychedelic and stimulant drug administration in mouse and rat models of substance use. This year was particularly special as it marked the first time that Dr. Honeywell, Spencer, and Henry competed in a poster competition! It was an excellent opportunity to meet old friends, continue the Lab's dominance in Science Trivia, establish new professional connections, and familiarize themselves with the new research on Kratom. During a 9-hour drive to and from San Antonio, the crew visited Buc-ees, the notable Texas attraction and the best-loved rest-stop for American motorists. The Buc-ee's brisket sandwich was unanimously voted as the Lab’s favorite, although there was some debate between the chopped and sliced versions.

Congrats to everyone on a great meeting!

