Dr. Andreas Holzenburg Medical Student Research Award

This award is established in honor of Dr. Andreas Holzenburg, who helped guide medical students in the pursuit of research and inquiry. A Fourth Year Medical Student, nominated by School of Medicine Award Committee, will be presented a plaque and a $500 check. The award will be announced at the annual SOM graduation awards ceremony. A similar plaque will be left on display for future recipients.

The award will go to a MS4 student each year as a “Holzenburg Distinguished Research Scholar Award” based on the body of scholarly work a student completed while a medical student at UTRGV SOM.

1. Criteria for award:
   
   a. Completion of MEDI 8127 and MEDI 9331. This criteria provides motivation for students to take the Research Elective course and earn academic credits on their transcript for their research efforts.
   
   b. Selection and participation in national research programs of distinction (e.g. NIDDK Medical Student Research Program, The Telluride Experience, MD Anderson Cancer Center Summer Research Experience, etc.)
   
   c. # of student intramural or extramural research grants received (does not include SOM Travel Awards)
   
   d. # of publications in peer-reviewed journals
   
   e. # of abstracts accepted for national presentation
   
   f. # of abstracts accepted for statewide, regional or local presentations
   
   g. Promotion of research among peers & peer mentorship
   
   h. research benefitting underserved communities
   
   i. Those students who have completed additional degree program (MPH, MBA, Ph.D., etc) or taken a year off to do research would be held to a higher priority.

2. Process: In January, nominations will be solicited by the selection committee. The nominations must include justifications on the nominee meeting the criteria for the award.

3. Selection Committee: Senior Associate Dean for Research (Dr. Andrew Tsin,); Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Research (Dr. Jay Morrow); Faculty Assembly Executive Committee Chair (Dr. Eron Manusov); Medical Student Representative (Sahar Panjwani MS Class of 2022) After this year’s award it will also include the Course Director(s) for MEDI 8127 and/or MEDI 9331.