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UAB names 2020 diversity champions

Two individuals, two groups and one student organization were honored with the President's Diversity Champion Award Feb. 20. The annual award recognizes employees, students and organizations that have helped create a more culturally diverse, inclusive university community through their achievements.

Nominations are solicited from the UAB community for all categories, and awards are given in each of five categories for projects or activities that best reflect the implementation of unit and/or campus diversity goals.

Congratulations to the 2020 recipients:



Farah D. Lubin, Ph.D

Faculty, School of Medicine

Farah D. Lubin, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor in the Department of Neurobiology in UAB's School of Medicine, Associate Scientist in the Comprehensive Center for Healthy Aging,

Associate Scientist in the Comprehensive Neuroscience Center and co-director of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Neuroscience Roadmap Scholar (RMS) Program. The goal of the RMS program is to enhance engagement and retention of underrepresented graduate trainees in the neuroscience workforce. She is also co-Director of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences Mentored Experiences in Research, Instruction, and Teaching (MERIT) Program for postdoctoral fellows. She is a past recipient of a Pathway to Independence Award from the National Institutes of Health (NIH/NIMH) and the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) Award.

Dr. Lubin values mentorship and was also the recipient of the 2017 Dean's Award for Excellence in Mentorship. Her main research focus is investigating the epigenetic basis of learning, memory and its disorders, including memory deficits associated with normal aging and neurological disorders such as epilepsy and Alzheimer's disease. She received her undergraduate degree from Alabama State University in Montgomery, Alabama and her Ph.D. in Cell/Molecular Biology and Immunology from Binghamton University in Binghamton, New York.