

Samson Design Biotechnology Innovation Scholarship

This annual \$2,500 was created to support a new SBME graduate student who demonstrates an interest and talent in biotechnology innovation and shows promise in innovative thinking.

2020/21 Award Winner



Jaiden Oropallo completed his Bachelor of Science in biomedical engineering with a minor in chemistry from Florida Institute of Technology. There, he conducted research in the vascular tissue engineering lab and was a coxswain on the rowing team. He will be working with Dr. Christian Puttlitz in the Orthopaedic Bioengineering Research Laboratory. Oropallo stated, “It’s an amazing feeling to be recognized for the work I’ve done during my undergrad, and I am very thankful for the scholarship, as it will allow me to support myself as I begin my graduate career.”

2019/20 Award Winner



Anna-Laura Nelson had completed her Masters of Bioengineering at the University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus, where her primary research focus was tissue engineering. Her current research focuses on further understanding cellular senescence and various age-related diseases. She is co-advised by Dr. Nicole Ehrhart from CSU and Dr. Chelsea Bahney from Steadman Philippon Research Institute (SPRI), where she works as a research associate.

2018/19 Award Winner

Mark Greenwood began his Doctorate in Philosophy in Bioengineering in fall 2018. Greenwood was overjoyed upon hearing the news of receiving the Samson Scholarship. “I’m just feeling very fortunate,” he stated.

