

## Drosophila Community Service Award

The Drosophila Community Service award will be given once a year to acknowledge outstanding contributions to the Drosophila community. The award was initiated in 2021 in gratitude for the service of colleagues like Dan Lindsley, Kathy Matthews and Bill Gelbart. A major goal of the award is to raise awareness within the fly community about the depth and diversity of efforts supporting its success. The selection committee is encouraged to recognize colleagues who might not be selected for Genetics Society of America service awards.

Any member of the Drosophila research community is eligible including professionals not holding traditional tenure-track positions. A team or small group may be recognized. The awardee(s) will be announced at the Annual Drosophila Research Conference by a member of the selection committee. The conference organizers are encouraged to provide time for awardees to give a presentation at the meeting.

The selection committee will issue a call each year for nominations through appropriate platforms (*e.g.* GSA mailings, FlyBase announcements, social media), allowing enough time for evaluation before the next ADRC. Anyone may make a nomination by submitting a letter describing the contributions of the nominee(s). The selection committee may consider nominations from the previous three years.

Selection committee members will be appointed by the FlyBoard president. The committee will have at least three members, each of whom will be appointed for at least two years. Staggered terms are preferred to provide continuity. The committee Chair will be appointed by the Flyboard president. It is suggested that the longest-serving member chair the committee. At least one committee member should be a research resource professional. The selection committee will coordinate the award presentation with the Annual Drosophila Research Conference Organizing Committee.