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**BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES 2012 STUDENT RESEARCH  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS**

Rockville, MD—The 9000-member Biophysical Society is pleased to announce the 2012 Student Research Achievement Award Winners. One hundred and three Society student members participated in this competitive event held during the Biophysical Society's 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on February 26 in San Diego, California. Judges from the Society's subgroups selected thirteen winners. The winners were recognized at an awards ceremony on February 27 and received a monetary award. In addition, the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health selected a winner to attend its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary symposium in October 2012. The winners are:

**Bioenergetics**

S. Saif Hasan  
Purdue University

**Membrane Biophysics**

Frank Smith  
Temple University

**Biological Fluorescence**

Ruoyi Qiu  
North Carolina State University

**Membrane Structure and Assembly**

Cynthia Stanich  
University of Washington

**Biopolymers in vivo**

Yanxin Liu  
University of Illinois

**Molecular Biophysics**

Sayan Mondal  
Cornell University

**Exocytosis & Endocytosis**

Amicia Elliott  
Vanderbilt University

**Motility**

Leslie Conway  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst

**Prattana Samasilp**

Case Western Reserve University

**Nanoscale Biophysics**

María Queralt Martín  
James I University, Spain

**Intrinsically Disordered Proteins**

Anuja Chandrasekar  
University of Texas Health Science  
Center, Houston

**Shannon Yan**

University of California, Berkeley

**Permeation & Transport**

Lawrence Gray  
University of Iowa

**NIGMS Poster Winner**

Thomas Chew  
University of California, San Diego

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