



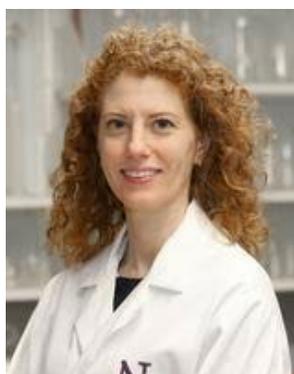
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**Association of Biomolecular Resource Facilities
2026 Awards and Honors**

***Celebrating Extraordinary Contributions to ABRF and the Shared
Research Resources Community***

The Association of Biomolecular Resource Facilities (ABRF) is pleased to announce the 2026 ABRF Award recipients:

Alan R. Smith Mentor of the Year



**Constandina Arvanitis, Ph.D.
Northwestern University**

Dina's wide-ranging efforts to guide and support her colleagues represent the true spirit of this Award, in honor of one of ABRF's original members. ABRF members enthusiastically nominated Dina for this recognition, to express their appreciation for her role in advancing their careers and shaping their work within shared research resources.

Dina's work honors the purpose of the Award, for ABRF members to "share themselves, their knowledge, and their expertise".

Robert A. Welch Outstanding Research Group/Committee Member of the Year



Andrew Vinard
Tufts University

Andrew's many valuable contributions to ABRF include leading the 2023 annual meeting committee, serving on the NERLSCD organizing committee, the Core Administrators' Network Coordinating Committee, and currently chairing the ABRF Strategy Task Force on Communicating the Value and Impact of Shared Research Resources. One ABRF member summarized their work together:

"Andrew's ability to bring structure to complex discussions, coordinate diverse stakeholders, and keep the team focused has been invaluable."

ABRF Outstanding Scientist Scholarships

These professionals were selected by a committee of ABRF peers based on applications and recommendations from their colleagues to recognize their significant contributions to their institutional shared resource facility or to ABRF:

- **Alex Anwar**, Mayo Clinic
- **Simon Goldstein**, La Jolla Institute for Immunology
- **Sumeet Gupta**, Whitehead Institute, MIT
- **Rochelle Kelley**, University of California, San Francisco
- **Vikas Kumar**, University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School
- **Adarsh Mayank**, University of California, Los Angeles
- **Chris Nagy**, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

- **Vijaya Pandey**, University of California, Los Angeles
- **Ken Quayle**, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
- **Shannon Rhoads**, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- **MaKayla Serres**, Mayo Clinic
- **Caroline Vergette**, Ottawa Hospital Research Institute

ABRF Founder's Award

This endowed scholarship is designed to support shared research resource staff who are in the early stages of their careers and have the potential for ABRF leadership. The Founder's Award made possible by one of ABRF's original members, Ron Niece, enables the recipients to advance their careers by engaging and participating in the ABRF Annual Meeting and related education programs.

- **Simon Goldstein**, La Jolla Institute for Immunology

These awards will be presented at the ABRF 2026 Annual Meeting, March 28-31 in Pittsburgh, along with the **ABRF Diversity Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) Award**, to **Mariana De Niz**, Northwestern University and the **ABRF Award for Outstanding Contributions to Biomolecular Technologies**, to **John Yates**, Scripps Research Institute.

ABRF is delighted to recognize the valuable contributions of all Award recipients for their important contributions to ABRF and the work of Shared Research Resources.

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