



2018 SEACM

Student Scholarship Award

SEACM is delighted to announce the award in 2017 of two Student Scholarships to outstanding clinical laboratory science students. Each recipient was awarded a \$1000 scholarship award to be applied to their education costs plus a one-year membership in SEACM for 2018. Both applicants demonstrated exceptional interest in Clinical Microbiology, a strong desire to pursue a future career in Clinical Laboratory Science and anticipate graduation in 2018.



Jessica Beynor is enrolled in the Clinical Laboratory Science Program at UNC-Chapel Hill and is a recipient of the Louise M Ward Award. She is also working in the Center for AIDS Research: Virology, Immunology, and Microbiology Core Laboratory as a laboratory assistant. After graduation, Jessica is hopeful about plans to work as a traveling clinical laboratory scientist through the Med Travelers organization, and then returning to school to study medicine.



Karishma Rajani is enrolled in the Clinical Laboratory Science Master's Program at Augusta University. She became increasingly interested in clinical microbiology when a lab supervisor, a microbiologist of over thirty years, became her mentor and cultivated her interest in clinical laboratory science. She is also working at the Augusta University Medical Center on projects involving Carbapenem Resistant Gram-Negative Bacilli. As she embarks on a career, Karishma wants to increase awareness of clinical microbiology and, with enough experience, make a more global impact in foundations and research institutes.

As SEACM looks to the future the goal is to help foster the next generation of clinical microbiologists. Student scholarships are intended to encourage and mentor students in a clinical microbiology and closely related medical science careers. Applications are posted on the www.SEACM.org website in August. Submission deadline is set for **September**, and candidates are notified at the end of **October**.