Rodney L. Parsons Anatomy and Neurobiology Award

The Rodney L. Parsons Award will be given annually to a University of Vermont (UVM) student enrolled in any doctoral program who excels in both neuroscience research and teaching in any broadly defined anatomical science (e.g., gross anatomy, histology, pathology, imaging, neuroanatomy, neurocircuit modeling). The current year award is $3,500, and the **deadline for receipt of all materials is** <u>**March 1, 2024, at 4:30 pm**</u>**.** The funds are awarded in honor of Rodney L. Parsons, Ph.D.

Dr. Parsons joined UVM as Assistant Professor of Physiology in 1967. In 1979, he became chair of the then Department of Anatomy and re-purposed it to establish one of the first Anatomy and Neurobiology departments in the country. He was the founding and only chair of that department, which merged with the Department of Neurology in 2012 to become the Department of Neurological Sciences, integrating basic and clinical science under one department.

The goal of this award is to support outstanding graduate students who demonstrate excellence in both research and education in the disciplines which Dr. Parsons played a key role in the growth and evolution of at UVM. The award may be used to support research, travel to a professional meeting, attend an external course or provide a scholarship.

Applications for the Rodney L. Parsons Award are solicited from graduate students enrolled in any doctoral program at UVM. Applicants must have passed their comprehensive examination, be engaged in research in any area of neuroscience, and have taught in an anatomical discipline as a graduate student.

Selection of the award recipient will be made by a faculty panel convened for this purpose by the Dean of the Graduate College.

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Application Cover Form

The deadline for receipt of all materials is <u>March 1, 2024 at 4:30 pm.</u>

Applicant (please print): _____ Date: _____

E-mail address: _____

Graduate Program: _____

Advisor (please print): _____

Faculty member who will write teaching recommendation: _____

Date entered program: _____

Date passed comprehensive examination: _____

REQUIRED SIGNATURES:
Graduate Program Coordinator/Director (Faculty):

Name	Signature	Date

Faculty Advisor:

Name	Signature	Date

Applicants must submit the following items combined – in this order – in a single .pdf and attached to an email to: <u>Erica.Hanson-Pietricola@uvm.edu</u> . Subject line: "Parsons Application"

1. This completed cover form
2. Curriculum Vitae (2 pages max)
3. A statement describing the applicant's doctoral research in neuroscience (1 page)
4. A statement describing the applicant's teaching experience in an anatomical discipline and how teaching complements their scientific training (1 page)

Separately, the applicant's advisor should send a letter of recommendation discussing the quality and importance of the applicant's research, and the same or another faculty member should send a letter of recommendation discussing the quality of the applicant's teaching contribution, to: **<u>Erica.Hanson-Pietricola@uvm.edu</u> – Subject line: "Subject line: "Parsons Recommendation Letter for [student name]"**

In addition to these materials, the Graduate College will provide a copy of the applicant's graduate transcript to the faculty review committee.

Note that a budget is not required at this time. As a condition of award, the award recipient must comply with all UVM policies regarding use of funds for scholarship, travel, or research.