

The Peter Karches Mentorship Prize at MIT's Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research

THE PRIZE

The Peter Karches Mentorship Prize recognizes the critical role mentorship plays in engaging the up and coming generations of cancer researchers, and celebrates Mr. Karches's extraordinary legacy. The prize will be awarded annually to up to four trainees serving as mentors to high school and undergraduate students working in KI laboratories. Winners will receive \$6,000 for personal use and be recognized at a celebratory dinner with the Karches family and friends.

IN MEMORY: PETER KARCHES

Peter Karches spent his career at Morgan Stanley, rising to become the president and chief operating officer of Morgan Stanley's institutional securities and investment banking group. A passionate horse racing fan, Mr. Karches bred and raced thoroughbreds, and co-chaired the New York Racing Association. After a long battle with chronic lymphocytic leukemia, Mr. Karches passed away in April 2006. In honor of Mr. Karches's generosity, intellect, and steadfast commitment to family and friends, James Goodwin, a close friend of the Karches family, has established the Peter Karches Mentorship Prize at MIT's Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research.

NOMINATIONS

Who is eligible: Post-doctoral associates, post-doctoral fellows, and graduate students who have served as mentors to either (1) high school students; (2) undergraduate students; or (3) technicians with undergraduate degrees attained within the past 5 years; while they were working in Koch Institute laboratories during the 2018-19 academic year (September 5, 2018-June 7, 2019) or during the 2019 summer terms (June 10-August 20, 2019) are eligible to be nominated for the 2019 Karches Prize.

Who can nominate: Mentees (high school students, undergraduate students, and technicians with undergraduate degrees attained within the past 5 years) can send a nomination to their PI to support. Up to two nominations per lab per year.

Nomination Period: Nominations must be submitted to KI-Fellowships (ki-fellowships@mit.edu) by noon on Tuesday, October 1, 2019. Please use the subject line: Karches Prize Nomination.

Nomination Materials: Each Koch Institute faculty member may nominate up to two trainees from their labs. The nomination package should consist of:

- The name, laboratory, and position of the nominee
- The name of the mentee and their status as a high school student, undergraduate student, or technician
- A paragraph describing the work conducted by mentor and mentee, in the context of the larger cancer research project
- Two letters of recommendation not to exceed two pages—one from the PI and one from the mentee. Tell us what makes the nominee an effective and exemplary mentor

AWARD NOTIFICATION

Winners will be announced during the KI Retreat on November 14-15, 2019.