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 is awarded annually to up to four trainees serving as mentors to high school and undergraduate students working in KI laboratories. Winners receive $6,000 for personal use, and will 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
Eligibility: Post-doctoral associates, post-doctoral fellows, and graduate students who have served as mentors to high school and/or undergraduate students working in Koch Institute laboratories during the 2017-18 academic year (September 6, 2017-June 8, 2018) or during the 2018 summer terms (June 11-August 17, 2018) are eligible to be nominated for the Karches Prize. Future mentorship periods will be covered by next year’s prizes.

Nomination Period: Nominations will be accepted beginning August 8, 2018 and must be submitted to KI-Fellowships (ki-fellowships@mit.edu) by 6PM Friday, September 7, 2018.

Nomination Materials: Candidates must be nominated in writing by their mentees or PIs, via a letter of recommendation not to exceed two pages. Tell us what makes the nominee an effective and exemplary mentor! The nomination letter must also include the following information:
- the name, laboratory and position of the nominee
- the name of the mentee and their status as a high school or undergraduate student
- a paragraph describing the work conducted by mentor and mentee, in the context of the larger cancer research project

Award Notification
Nominations for the Karches Prize are reviewed by a committee of Koch Institute faculty members. Winners will be announced on or before October 1, 2018.