Congratulations to three UCSF graduate PhD students who were recently awarded prestigious Gilliam Fellowships for Advanced Study from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI). The Gilliam Fellowships support exceptional graduate students who are committed to increasing diversity among scientific leaders, especially in academia.

They are among 39 new fellows named nationwide this past August who demonstrate potential for leadership in the scientific and academic community.

The 2017 awardees are:

Rose Larios, Neuroscience (adviser Devanand Manoli)
Lina Leon, Tetrad (adviser Joseph Bondy-Denomy)
Marco Mravic, Biophysics (adviser William DeGrado)

They join these other current Gilliam Fellows studying at UCSF:

Jessica Enogieru, Pharmaceutical Sciences and Pharmacogenomics (adviser Kathleen Giacomini)
Kevin Hartman, Biological and Medical Informatics (adviser Ryan Hernandez)
Kwadwo Opoku-Nsiah, Chemistry and Chemical Biology (adviser Jason Gestwicki)
Eugenia Salcedo, Chemistry and Chemical Biology (adviser Charles Craik)

The goal of the fellowships is to promote the development of scholars who will assume
leadership roles in science, especially among college and university faculties responsible for developing the next generation of scientists. Eligible student-adviser pairs are nominated to apply, and students are chosen for their academic excellence, scientific potential, and commitment to the advancement of diversity and inclusion in the sciences. The fellows' advisers participate in mentor development activities and training throughout the year.

Established by HHMI in 2004, the Gilliam Fellowships provide full support to promising doctoral students from groups traditionally underrepresented in the sciences. Each fellow will receive an annual award totaling $46,000, which includes a stipend, a training allowance, and an institutional allowance, for up to three years.

In addition to receiving support for advanced studies, Gilliam Fellows also attend meetings with HHMI scientists and receive intensive mentoring from their advisers.

For more information, visit the HHMI Gilliam Fellowships website [1].