

Dear BB Community,

It gives me great pleasure to announce that from among our very talented class of first year students, **Sanjay Ramprasad** has been selected as the 2021-22 Christopher and Catherine Mathews Graduate Fellow. According to criteria developed by the Biochemistry and Biophysics faculty, this Fellowship is awarded each summer to a student entering the second year of the Ph.D. program, with the award being based upon academic merit, teaching acumen and research potential. In his first year here, Sanjay excelled in all these criteria.

This endowed fellowship was established in 2015 through the generosity of Chris and Kate Mathews with the purpose of helping the BB doctoral program recruit and retain top notch students. Their gift has been leveraged through the Provost Graduate Fellowship Match Program which is a partnership of the OSU Foundation, the Biochemistry & Biophysics department and the OSU Graduate School. Chris is now an Emeritus Distinguished Professor in the department who has had huge positive impacts on the department and program through his leadership as Chair from 1978-2002, his leading research in the area of nucleotide metabolism, his co-authoring of well-regarded biochemistry texts, and his continued activity as a colleague and mentor.

Sanjay Ramprasad is originally from Minneapolis, MN and received a bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Portland State University. While at Portland State, he became interested in chemistry and biology while working in an astrobiology lab studying catalytic RNA network evolution. After graduating, he held positions in industry for several years before pursuing a graduate education in biochemistry and biophysics. Sanjay will be entering his second year as a graduate student in the Nyarko Lab and studies the structure and regulation of signaling proteins.



Chris and Kate congratulated Sanjay in person, pictured here on July 2nd, 2021. Thank you Chris and Kate for wanting to do everything just right!

Please join me in congratulating Sanjay on this well-deserved honor, and in thanking Chris and Kate for their highly impactful support of our program and our students.

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