



TESTIMONIALS – ON THE FELLOWSHIP

THE BENEFITS

"Participating in the community events organized by the Landry is amazing. They are always fun-filled and enhance my knowledge. Additionally, the PhD years can be somewhat socially isolating. I am always eager to come to events to connect with friends and classmates, as well as potential mentors."

"I have benefitted from the connection to the greater community of students/professors/labs doing cancer biology related research. I have also benefited from the opportunities to network and learn about future career tracks both in academia and industry related to cancer biology as a result of events sponsored by the LCBC."

"Interaction with other Landry fellows and the Landry community."

"I benefitted from being a Landry Fellow by gaining a community of likeminded colleagues and a renewed motivation to make a difference through my research."

"I have benefited by being a part of the LCBC community, which has provided a wealth of knowledge from my peers and a place where I can find help and support."

"I was mentored heavily by LCBC co-directors Karen Cichowski and Andy McClatchey who helped me navigate the rest of graduate school and the postdoctoral fellowship job search. I also benefitted from the opportunity to present my research at the symposia and developed peer relationships with other cancer biologists at Harvard."

"The community of like-minded graduate students has been a great resource, both scientifically and socially."

"The community! I was already friends with some of the fellows and I appreciated the opportunity to spend more time getting to know everyone else. Also, the faculty dinners in the early days were always a delight."

"The colleagues and various events have been fantastic. I still keep in touch and speak regularly with fellow Landry Fellows."

THE PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

"I developed skills in communication and gained confidence in speaking with other PIs outside of my graduate school mentor."

"It has been very important to developing grant application skills, as well as promoting collaborative efforts that were important to my research."

"Talks and other activities through the Consortium have provided extra opportunities for me to "interact" with science, which I believe always makes you a better scientist. Additionally, I anticipate that utilizing the professional development fund to attend a pertinent conference will, among other things, advance my research presentation skills."

"I have had the opportunity to hear talks from Professors and students at the Fall and Spring Symposiums that have influenced my research in terms of thinking about a question from a different perspective or lens which has influenced the way I think as a scientist. I hope to have the opportunity to share my research thus far through a poster at the symposium this Spring which will give me practice with communicating my ideas and sharing my research with others."

"The ability to be funded for a crucial part of my time at Harvard, as well as being exposed to new scientific ideas in the forms of symposia, contact with faculty and other students I wouldn't have otherwise."

"The fellowship affected my professional growth as a researcher by giving me an opportunity to write a research proposal and by providing funding for my research as well as a community of fellow cancer biology researchers."

"It helped me become more independent in the lab."

"It provided funding support and external validation of the promise of my research career."

THE PERSONAL ASPECT

"I am deeply grateful for the support of the Landry family through the gift they have made to Harvard University for supporting students like myself and the research that we do. I know that the Landry family has been touched personally by cancer as many of us have been, with my own grandfather being diagnosed with Stage IV metastatic pancreatic cancer two months ago. Supporting research on the forefront of cancer biology is so vital towards understand this diverse group of diseases and it is really a collaborative effort that is needed to think of innovate ways to design new therapies."

"By being awarded the Landry Cancer Research Fellowship, I felt validated as an up-and-coming researcher in the cancer field. This is especially important in the intimidating atmosphere of a top research institution."

"I am honored and humbled to be a part of a larger community of people entrusted with the confidence of the Landry family, and also to have, as peers, people doing incredible work in the field of cancer biology."

"It was very meaningful to be able to meet the Landry family and share the research that we have been doing and the potential impact of this research."

"The fellowship, through its recognition of the importance of cancer biology research, has further motivated my work and given me additional inspiration in terms of wanting to contribute to improving cancer patients' lives."

"I am deeply honored to have the support of this wonderful community and I know it is enhancing my career development and professional growth."

"It is always great to feel supported by a community of people committed to solving a similar clinical problem, and to be affirmed in your ability to make a difference in the field."

"Personally, it made me significantly more confident in my research - that it was good, and I should spend my effort making it real."

"It funded an international PhD candidate when not many other entities would and was a confidence boost along with sending me to conferences."