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2020 Lab Coat Ceremony

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At the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences,

we are deeply invested in cultivating the next generation of scientists and health professionals who make a profound impact on human health both locally and globally. Uniquely positioned within the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and the expansive Mount Sinai Health System, we are a preeminent graduate school and research center known for transformative research and innovative education.

The lab coat is a symbol of professionalism and authority in the sciences. The students receiving their coats today have begun their journey and we look to recognize the achievements and progress they have made in their research.

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The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences



Monday, October 25, 2021

4–5 pm

Goldwurm Auditorium

Reception to follow

Lab Coat Ceremony

The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Marta Filizola, PhD

Dean, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
Sharon & Frederick A. Klingenstein-Nathan G. Kase, MD Professor
Department of Pharmacological Sciences
Nash Family Department of Neuroscience

WELCOME

Eric Nestler, MD, PhD

Dean for Academic and Scientific Affairs
Director, Friedman Brain Institute
Nash Family Professor, Nash Family Department of Neuroscience
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INTRODUCTION TO KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Ravi Iyengar, PhD

Director, Mount Sinai Institute for Systems Biomedicine
Dorothy H. and Lewis Rosenstiel Professor, Pharmacological Sciences

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Padmini Rangamani, PhD

Professor, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
University of California, San Diego

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Professor, Oncological Sciences
Professor, Cell, Developmental, and Regenerative Biology

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Assistant Professor, Medical Education

OATH READER

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Associate Dean for Graduate School Well-Being and Resilience;
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Associate Professor, Medicine, Nephrology
Associate Professor, Medical Education
Associate Professor, Pharmacological Sciences

CLOSING REMARKS

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The Mount Sinai Alumni Association,
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and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
gratefully acknowledges our alumni supporters who welcomed
our newest students to science and medicine
with the gift of a Lab Coat.

*The challenges presented to us in 2020 do not compare
to the strength, fortitude, and resilience we have seen from
the students who joined us. Though this presentation of lab coats
has been delayed by a year, this should in no way diminish the hard
work and research they have done or the accomplishments they
have achieved. We look forward to continuing to celebrate the
milestones of this class.*

2021 PhD Class

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Celebrates Our PhD and MSTP Students

Who Joined the Academic Research Community in 2020 and

Whose Achievements and Progress in Research

are Celebrated Today

OATH FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS

With my Doctor of Philosophy, I willingly pledge to uphold the highest levels of integrity, professionalism, scholarship, and honor.

I will conduct my research and professional endeavors with honesty and objectivity.

I will apply the highest standards of rigor and respect for the generation and application of knowledge, and fully acknowledge the contributions of others.

I will not allow financial gain or ambition to cloud my judgement or decision-making or cause harm to society or subjects of research.

I will embark on the furthering of knowledge through respectful interactions and collaboration with my colleagues and community without prejudice or exclusion.

I will be a role model, and use my skills to inspire, mentor, and empower future generations, instilling in them the highest principles of ethical behavior.

As witnessed by all present today, and in the tradition of graduates before me, I do affirm to uphold these guiding principles.

FACULTY PLEDGE

As teachers and mentors for our students, we pledge to maintain the highest professional standards in all our interactions with students, patients, colleagues and staff.

We pledge our utmost effort to ensure that all components of the educational program for students will be of the highest quality.

We will respect all students as individuals without regard for gender, race, national origin, religion or sexual orientation; we will not tolerate anyone who manifests disrespect or who expresses biased attitudes towards any student. We will not tolerate any abuse or exploitation of students.

In an effort to nurture personal development, we pledge that students will have adequate time for reflection as well as personal and family obligations.

In nurturing both the intellectual and professional development of our students, we will celebrate achievement of academic excellence and demonstrate the highest virtues of our profession.