## **Statement of Merits/Awards/Scholarships already received by myself:**

My journey in academia and research has been marked by a series of prestigious awards and honors that reflect my unwavering commitment to excellence and innovation:

## **International**:

- 1. **Appreciation Award from DrugBank Canada**: I was honored with a \$100 appreciation award by DrugBank Canada for my instrumental role in guiding research towards optimizing drug development pipeline strategies. My collaboration included harnessing the potential of synthetic drug libraries, leading to the refinement of content that aligns with the latest industry advancements.
- 2. EMBO Travel Grant (€1000): Based on the quality of my research abstract, I was bestowed with a €1000 Travel Grant by the European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO). This grant facilitated my attendance at an international workshop on "Telomere function and evolution in health and disease" held in Troia, Portugal, from September 26th to October 1st, 2022.
- 3. **Department of Biotechnology (DBT) Travel Award:** Recognizing the significance of my participation, I received a travel award from the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) to attend the EMBO Workshop on "Telomere function and evolution in health and disease" in Troia, Portugal, from September 26th to October 1st, 2022.

## **National:**

- 1. **Drug Discovery Hackathon (DDH2020) Prize:** Secured a prize of INR 25,000 in Phase-I of the Drug Discovery Hackathon (DDH2020) for in-silico drug discovery work against the Covid-19 virus. Notably, this project has now attained funding of 2.3 million for Phase-II, which incoolves the synthesis of lead molecules discovered by our team, followed by preclinical evaluation studies
- 2. **CBSE-CSSS Scholarship** (2014-2019): Recognized for my unwavering commitment to excellence, I was awarded the CBSE-CSSS scholarship for Higher Education for five consecutive years.
- 3. **Post-Graduation Achievement (University of Delhi):** Securing the 3rd Position in the Post-graduation degree program within the Department of Zoology at the University of Delhi, I showcased my mastery of advanced studies.
- 4. **Dr. Satinder Kaur Memorial Scholarship (2017-2019):** My consistent academic excellence earned me the prestigious Dr. Satinder Kaur Memorial Scholarship for being the **College Topper in M.Sc Zoology** for two successive years at SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi.
- 5. Exceptional Performance in B.Sc Zoology (University of Delhi): Recognized for my exceptional achievement, I ranked 5th in Delhi University for B.Sc (H) Zoology, resulting in my <u>direct admission to the esteemed Masters in Zoology program on a Merit basis.</u>
- 6. Outstanding Achievement in B.Sc (H) Zoology (2016-2017): My dedication and hard work culminated in being the Academic Topper of Delhi University in the final year of B.Sc (H) Zoology.

- 7. **Gurdial Singh Virdi Memorial Scholarship (2015-2017):** The acknowledgment of my consistent excellence was evident as I received the Gurdial Singh Virdi Memorial Scholarship for being the academic college topper for two consecutive years during my graduation at SGTB Khalsa College.
- 8. **Consistent Scholar Badge Holder:** My quest for knowledge was recognized early in my journey as I held the distinction of being a Scholar Badge holder for two consecutive academic years during my schooling.