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Dear Giordon:

It gives us great pleasure to inform you that you have been selected as one of two recipients of the 2017 Nathan Sugarman Award for Excellence in Graduate Research. The research accomplishments of the Enrico Fermi Institute depend strongly on our talented and dedicated graduate students, and we're happy that we are able to recognize some of the most outstanding ones. A generous donation by the Sugarman family has made this possible.

The Sugarman Award recognizes one of Nathan's highest priorities: encouraging young scientists. It was both the interdisciplinary research at the Institute, and the education of students, to which he devoted his scholarly life.

The award consists of a certificate and a cash prize in the amount of \$2000. The other graduate award recipient is Travis Maxfield and the undergraduate awardees this year are Steven Giacalone and Jonathan Sorce. Presentations are normally made at a brief award ceremony at which recipients are asked to speak to an audience of non-specialists for 8-10 minutes about their work. Participants at the ceremony may be other students, research associates, faculty, and outside friends of the Fermi Institute.

We've set a tentative date of May 30<sup>th</sup> – the final EFI lunch of the academic year – at noon for the celebration and award presentations. We hope you will be available and willing to give a brief talk at that time. Please contact Sandy Heinz in the Director's Office ([heinz@oddjob.uchicago.edu](mailto:heinz@oddjob.uchicago.edu)) as soon as possible to inform us of your availability.

Yours truly,

Scott P. Wakely  
Director, Enrico Fermi Institute  
for  
The Sugarman Award Committee

cc: David Miller