

RNA SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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We are very happy to bring you the Fall 2026 edition of the RNA Society Newsletter. In this issue, we hear from our RNA Society President looking back at her term, learn about the RNA Society Awards applications, the 2026 election results, a summary of RNA 2026, and also celebrate the 2026 Lifetime Achievement Award winners. We are excited to announce a Save-The-Date for RNA 2027 in Strasbourg, France and also report the latest developments at the RNA Society flagship journal *RNA*. We also introduce our newly established Fundraising & Philanthropy Committee, hear from the Education Committee about their activities and Infographics Contest, learn what's new in the RNA Salon Program, Mentoring Program, and finally, the RNA Society Junior Scientists and their amazing RNA Day Art & Baking Contest winners.

We hope you enjoy the read!

Katarína Juríková, Newsletter Editor

Daniel Kim, Media & Communications Committee Chair



UPCOMING

RNA SOCIETY AWARDS

Nominations are accepted September 15– October 5

All along your career path, the RNA SOCIETY has an award for you!

RNASociety.org/Awards



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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Fátima Gebauer

Dear RNA Society colleagues,

As my term as President draws to a close, I would like to reflect on the Society's evolution during this time, the many changes that have taken place, and, above all, to express my gratitude to everyone who has contributed to making our Society better.

This mandate has been marked by an unprecedented attack on science and diversity which, after initial astonishment, caused anxiety, uncertainty and deep concern among our members, particularly our colleagues in the United States. Many members of our community have been directly affected: some have lost research funding and have been forced to shrink their labs, while others have directly lost their jobs. In these challenging times, the RNA Society has demonstrated its resilience, responding by significantly expanding its advocacy, education, and outreach efforts.

In this respect, I would particularly like to thank Sean Ryder, our Director of Outreach, and Manny Ares, Chair of our Education Committee, for their unwavering support and commitment to advancing a number of important initiatives. These include our response to the proposed OMB rule changes—and my sincere thanks to everyone who submitted comments!—the Infographics Contest, and the development of collaborations with other organizations to strengthen outreach and advocacy training. I would also like to thank Kehinde Ross, Chair of our DEI Committee, for spearheading the 'RNA for All' initiative and for his commitment to making RNA science more inclusive and accessible to all. Both Manny and Kehinde will complete their terms at the end of the year, and I deeply thank them for their

dedication.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to our tireless Chief Executive Officer, Kristian Baker.



Her visionary thinking, remarkable ability to anticipate opportunities, and exceptional dedication are truly invaluable. Just to mention one of many examples, Kristian has been behind the reestablishment of the Fundraising & Philanthropy Committee, chaired by Marlene Belfort, which will help strengthen the Society's financial resilience while expanding our capacity to support new initiatives and pursue our mission. It has been a privilege to work closely with Kristian, and I am profoundly grateful for her commitment to the Society. My very best wishes to Marlene as she leads this important effort.

Huge thanks also to the other members of the RNA Society Council: our Past President, Sandy Wolin, and all the Directors that have served during my term—Neva Caliskan, Tsutomu Suzuki, Aaron Hoskins, Marina Chekulaeva, Andrzej Dziembowski, Olivia Rissland, Phil Bevilacqua, Atlanta Cook and Amanda Hargrove. Their contributions, insights, and thoughtful discussions have been instrumental in moving our Society forward. I would especially like to thank Aaron and Marina for their important role in articulating the

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Fátima Gebauer

RNA Society's values, which now provide a framework to guide our decisions and actions.

Two others I'd like to mention are our Secretary Hua Lou, who diligently facilitates and records the actions and decisions of the Society, and our Chief Financial Officer Kelly Campbell, who stepped into the role as I began my term. Kelly adapted very quickly to the complexities of our Society and has done an outstanding job making our finances clear and accessible. I am enormously grateful to both Hua and Kelly for their dedication, reliability, and support throughout my term.

I would also like to acknowledge Eric Phizicky, Senior Editor of our flagship journal RNA, whose term is due to end in December. As you know, Eric was awarded the RNA Society Outstanding Service Award this year for his superb job at the journal, a very well-deserved recognition. I wish Eric all the best in this new chapter of his life.

Finally, my warmest thanks to all members who have chaired or served on our committees. Their service is essential to everything we do and to turning the new ideas that emerge into reality. I am sure you have noticed that we have also revamped our website—one more addition to the many things we have taken on thanks to our volunteers.

It will soon be time to pass the baton to Mariano Garcia-Blanco, our next President. He will have my full support in my role as Past President, and I wish him a productive and enjoyable term.

See you next June in Strasbourg!

Fátima Gebauer

President of the RNA Society

AWARDS

Ambro van Hoof

All along your career path the RNA Society has an award for you!

Application deadline Oct 5th, 2026

I am excited to remind all of you that the RNA Society has a number of awards recognizing diverse contributions to our field. Some of the awards recognize contributions by our Principal Investigators, while others are for trainees or researchers in permanent lab positions. RNA Society members at almost any stage in their career are eligible for at least one of our twelve awards. For early- and mid-stage group leaders, we provide four different awards: the Elisa Izaurralde Award, the RNA Society Moderna Award for Biomedical Innovation in RNA, and the Early- and Mid-Career Research Awards. For trainees we have five different awards: The Scaringe Award and Eclipse Award for graduate students, the Scaringe Award and Eclipse Award for postdocs, and one CSHL Press Award for underrepresented trainees. Other RNA Society members are eligible for our Outstanding Career Researcher awards, while all members are eligible for the Inclusive Leadership Award. All of these awards include a cash prize, complimentary

registration, lodging and travel for the 2027 RNA Society Annual Meeting in Strasbourg, France and other award benefits.

I would like to thank Moderna, Eclipsebio, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, the Scaringe Foundation, and an anonymous donor for supporting our awards. You can apply or nominate another RNA Society member today for these awards. Nominations for the Lifetime Achievement in Science and Outstanding Service Awards are separate and will be due early next year. You can find more information about our awards at <https://www.rnasociety.org/awards>, or if you have any question, email me at awards@rnasociety.org.

Ambro van Hoof
Chair of the Awards Committee



RNA SOCIETY AWARDS

Nominations open Sept 15th through Oct 5th

The RNA Society has awards to recognize your contributions

The Elisa Izaurralde Award for Innovation in Research, Teaching, and Service
The RNA Society Moderna Award for Biomedical Innovation in RNA
The RNA Society Early-Career Award and Mid-Career Award
The RNA Society / CSHL Press Distinguished Research Mentor Award
Eclipse Awards for Innovations in RNA-based and RNA Targeting Therapies
The RNA Society/Scaringe Young Scientist Awards
The RNA Society / Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press Award for Research Excellence by an Underrepresented Scientist
The RNA Society Outstanding Career Researcher award
The RNA Society Award for Excellence in Inclusive Leadership

[RNASOCIETY.ORG/AWARDS](https://www.rnasociety.org/awards)



RNA SOCIETY 2026 ELECTION RESULTS

The 2026 RNA Society annual election was conducted April 8th to May 8th, 2026. Results were tabulated on May 9th, 2026, with the following results:

- **Mariano Garcia-Blanco** (University of Virginia, USA) was elected President-Elect and will begin his term as a voting member of Council on July 1st, 2026; Mariano will serve as President from January 1st, 2027, until December 31st, 2028, and as Past President from January 2029 until June 30th, 2030.
- **Ling-Ling Chen** (Shanghai Institute of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, CAS, China), **Nils Walter** (University of Michigan, USA), and **Christine Dunham** (Emory University, USA) were elected to serve as Directors on the RNA Society Council for the two-year term spanning 2027–2028.

Congratulations to our elected representatives and all of the candidates who came forward to run for election.

THE RNA SOCIETY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2026



2026 RNA Society Lifetime Achievement in Science Award

Brenda Bass

Dr. Brenda Bass, Distinguished Professor in the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Utah School of Medicine, is recognized for her groundbreaking discovery of A-to-I editing and outstanding contributions to this field. As a postdoctoral researcher with Dr. Harold Weintraub, Dr. Bass discovered an activity that covalently modified double-stranded RNA (dsRNA), the first member of an enzyme family now known as the adenosine deaminases that act on RNA (ADARs). As an independent PI, she and her lab provided the first 3D-structure of an ADAR, established the biological relevance of editing, determined genome-wide maps of dsRNA and contributed to establishing the role of Dicer in RNA silencing. In addition to her scientific discoveries, Dr. Bass is an inspiring figure at all levels, for her deep thought and analytical rigor, her outstanding mentorship, and her generous service to the community, serving, among other roles, as President (2007) and Director (1998–1999, 2004–2005) of the RNA Society.

2026 RNA Society Lifetime Service Award

Eric Phizicky

Dr. Eric Phizicky, Professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics of the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry (URSMD), is recognized for his outstanding contributions to supporting and developing the RNA Society flagship scientific journal *RNA*. Dr. Phizicky joined *RNA* as an Associate Editor in November 2015, subsequently taking on increasing responsibilities as Deputy Editor-in-Chief and, since 2022, as Senior Editor together with Javier Caceres. Under their combined leadership, the *RNA* journal has modernized, and Dr. Phizicky's tireless dedication to *RNA* and his high standards have contributed to an increased impact factor in 2025, despite the downward trend among many comparable journals. In addition to his editorial roles, Dr. Phizicky has served on the RNA Society Meetings Committee (2014–2015), the Nominating Committee (2010) and has chaired several scientific sessions at our Annual Meeting (2006 and 2012). Beyond his service to the RNA Society, Dr. Phizicky is a highly accomplished researcher in the field of tRNA biology and a generous colleague and mentor.



NOTES ON RNA 2026

31ST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE RNA SOCIETY



From May 26–31, members of the RNA Society convened for our 31st Annual Meeting in Montréal, Canada, for what turned out to be an incredible RNA extravaganza. RNA 2026 was held at the Palais des Congrès de Montréal and brought together over 1,000 RNA enthusiasts from across the globe.

The science presented during the meeting—including 3 keynote speakers, 2 Lifetime Achievement Award presentations, 178 oral presentations partitioned across 23 plenary/concurrent sessions and 532 posters—was plentiful, diverse in scope and outstanding, underscoring the RNA Society’s rich community and broad appeal.

The meeting featured memorable keynote presentations, starting off with Nahum Sonenberg (McGill University, Canada), who reflected on his team’s diverse contributions to the field of mRNA translational regulation over the last 5 decades. Archa Fox (University of Western Australia, Australia) discussed her team’s work on the characterization and function of the Neat1 long non-coding RNA. Finally, Jørgen Kjems (Aarhus University, Denmark) presented his group’s cutting-edge work on the use of RNA aptamers for diverse biotechnological applications.

Additional highlights included inspiring presentations from the Society’s recent Lifetime Achievement in

Science awardees, 2025 winner David Tollervey (University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom) and 2026 recipient Brenda Bass (University of Utah, USA). We also wish to congratulate the recipients of the RNA Society’s career achievement awards (accessible here: <https://www.rnasociety.org/awards>), as well as the trainees who received poster presentation prizes generously sponsored by Moderna.

The meeting concluded with a banquet dinner with stunning views of the city from the venue’s roof terrace, which gave everyone an opportunity to reflect on the amazing work presented at the meeting, network with friends new and old, and display moves on the dance floor under the guidance of DJ François Major. In addition to the exceptional display of RNA science throughout the meeting, the setting in downtown Montréal offered attendees opportunities to discover this cosmopolitan city and its culture.

Finally, we wish to acknowledge the amazing contributions of our dedicated team of co-organizers, namely Anita Corbett (Emory University, USA), Rotem Karni (University of Pennsylvania, USA), Tsutomu Suzuki (University of Tokyo, Japan), and Mihaela Zavolan (University of Basel, Switzerland). We also wish to thank the RNA Society officers for their help and guidance, as well as the wonderful team at Simple Meetings for their efficiency and professionalism.

On behalf of the RNA 2026 organizing committee,
Julie Claycomb, University of Toronto, Canada
Eric Lécuyer, Montréal Clinical Research Institute, Canada

RNA 2026

31ST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE RNA SOCIETY



Developments at the Society Journal, RNA

The RNA Society journal, RNA, continues to publish high-quality research papers in all areas of RNA biology. All articles published in RNA benefit from broad promotion on the journal's social media platforms, including featuring every new paper on LinkedIn, X/Twitter, Bluesky and Instagram. In addition, first authors of research papers are given the opportunity to participate in our 'Meet the First Author' (MTFA) feature to introduce themselves to the RNA community, and are also eligible for annual RNA Society RNA Journal Prizes, which are awarded to two particularly meritorious papers. We are pleased to report that 66% of first authors have participated in MTFA since its inception in 2022.

We continue to improve our rapid publication process, while maintaining the high quality of research that is characteristic of papers published in RNA. This is made possible by our stellar group of Associate Editors (<https://rnajournal.cshlp.org/site/misc/edboard.xhtml>), comprised of 14 prominent researchers who collectively cover all areas of RNA biology and who can call on their wide network of scientific colleagues for expert opinions on manuscripts. These RNA Editors will continue to directly manage all submitted papers and will aim to accelerate our currently rapid review process.

We have also started a new regular Section of RNA that is dedicated to papers in RNA therapeutics, headed by Michelle Hastings (University of Michigan) who serves as the RNA Therapeutics & Disease Editor.

In addition, we have reorganized the format of the

journal, which now has papers in five categories: Communications (Letters to the Editor, Hypotheses, and Perspectives); Reviews; RNA and Gene Expression; RNA Therapeutics & Disease; and Bioinformatics and Databases.

Finally, we are continuing to publish our highly successful annual Special Issue, on topics of high relevance for the RNA and related communities. Our latest Special Issue, on System-level Measurement, Modeling and Manipulation of RNAs, published in the April issue of this year, was edited by Mihaela Zavolan and Gene Yeo (<https://rnajournal.cshlp.org/content/32/4.toc>)

We look forward to working with you to publish your exciting RNA science. We will accept manuscripts in any of our categories as Articles, Reports, or Methods, and will also continue to publish timely Reviews, Perspectives, Commentaries, and Mini-reviews.

Javier F. Caceres and Eric M. Phizicky
Senior Editors, RNA





CHECK OUT THE REDESIGNED RNA SOCIETY WEBSITE

Thanks to Manny Ares, the Education Committee and Chad Phillips at New Vibe Web Design for spearheading the project!



EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Manny Ares

Now in its third year, the Education Committee is still defining its activities. This year in Montréal, the committee again (as it did in San Diego) highlighted our most early stage investigators, the folks who have yet to enter graduate school. Selected by a discriminating group of anonymous judges, the following individuals won a cash prize of \$200 USD for their research presentations: Nina Chi, Sydney McGuire, Aydan Wang, Audrey Hoelscher, and Victoria Haber. Many congratulations to these five, who hopefully will be entering or applying to your graduate school this fall!

The committee also held the first-ever RNA Society Infographics Contest, led by postdoc Peren Coskun (it was her idea!). The committee received and evaluated 26 submissions, and awarded two \$250 Grand Prizes: one to postdoc Lisa Opsomer and her team at the University of British Columbia, and the other to Ting-Yu Lin and her team at Durham University in the UK. There were four first place winners (\$100) and five Honorable Mentions. The winning entries along with details about the creators can be found at www.rnasociety.org/2026-infographic-contest-winners.

In recognition of our meeting in Montréal and with respect for the bilingual nature of our host country Canada, several of the infographics were translated into French. Shown below are the two versions of the Grand Prize winners. We hope to translate more of the winning infographics into as many languages as possible to increase their reach.

In the coming year, the committee hopes to create some resources on the web, in the form of an Education tab on the newly revamped RNA Society website. Members should think about what they would like to

see available from this resource, or what kinds of teaching materials they could contribute.

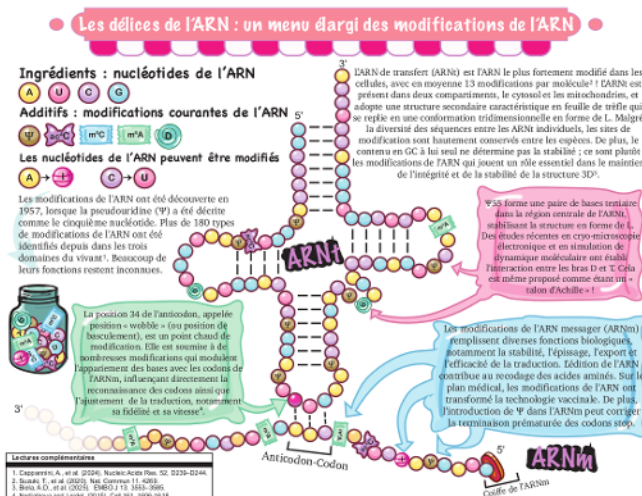
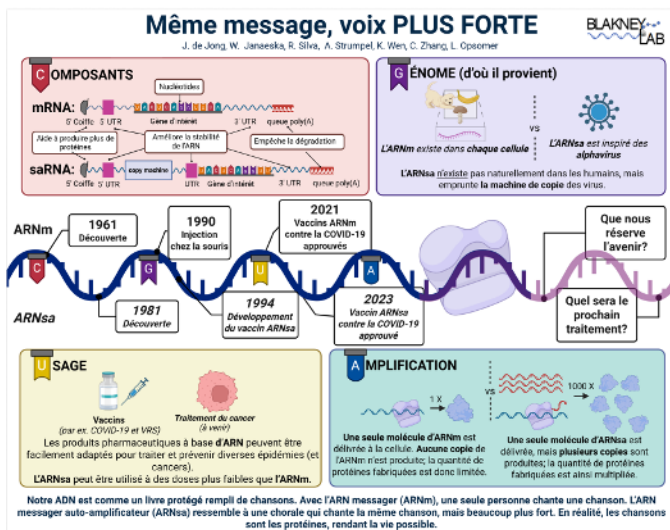
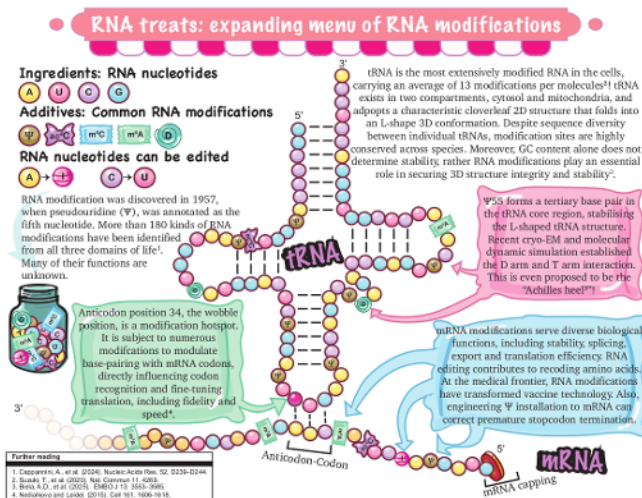
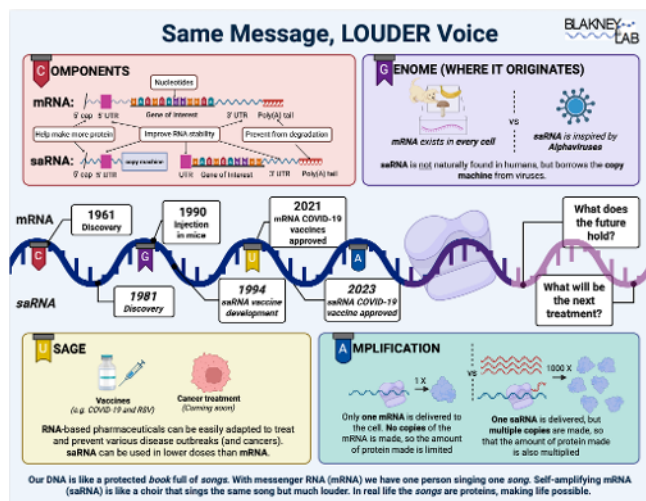
At this early stage, we're accepting all ideas, and in the end we are hoping to produce authoritative and reliable information about RNA for instructors and students of all ages.



Manny Ares
Chair of the Education Committee

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2026 Infographics Contest: Grand Prize Winners



RNA SALONS

Minna-Liisa Änkö

Celebrating a Decade of Connecting RNA Communities

This season marks a major milestone for the RNA Salon program: ten years of bringing RNA researchers together through locally organized scientific and professional development activities. Since its launch in 2016, the program has grown into a truly global network that supports interactions, collaboration, and training opportunities across the RNA community.

The 2025/2026 funding cycle has been our largest to date. We received a record number of applications and were delighted to fund 68 RNA Salons across more than 25 countries, including 14 new Salons. This year, the program expanded its reach to new communities in India, Slovenia, and Brazil, further strengthening the global RNA network. RNA Salons now engage more than 7,000 researchers worldwide and continue to serve as an important platform for scientific exchange at the local and regional level.

One of the strengths of the RNA Salon program is the remarkable diversity of activities organized by local communities. Programs range from seminar series and trainee-focused chalk talks to regional symposia, outreach events, and professional development workshops. Reading the annual reports from organizers, I am always impressed by the creativity and enthusiasm with which RNA researchers build vibrant communities tailored to their local needs.

A recurring theme in discussions with organizers has been the desire for stronger interactions between RNA Salons. It was therefore particularly exciting to see the inaugural RNA Confluence meeting bring together

multiple RNA Salons in Heidelberg earlier this year. The meeting highlighted the value of connecting trainees and researchers across institutions and regions and demonstrated the potential of the broader RNA Salon network.

As the program enters its second decade, we remain committed to supporting existing RNA Salons while enabling the creation of new ones. We also continue to streamline administration to allow organizers to focus their efforts on what matters most: building active and inclusive RNA communities. I am grateful to all RNA Salon organizers for their dedication and to our industry partner, Lexogen, for their continued support.

I look forward to another exciting season of RNA Salons and to seeing new collaborations emerge across our growing global RNA community.

Minna-Liisa Änkö

RNA Salon coordinator



RNA Confluence 2026, Heidelberg

FUNDRAISING & PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE

Marlene Belfort

Launching new Fundraising & Philanthropy Committee

The RNA Society has launched a new Fundraising & Philanthropy Committee, dedicated to soliciting donations to advance scientific excellence, equity, global engagement, and public understanding of RNA science. The Committee is chaired by Marlene Belfort, with Lynne Maquat as co-chair, and brings together researchers from North America, Europe, and Asia, alongside an Advisory Board of distinguished RNA scientists and biotechnology leaders.



Fueling the Future of RNA

Under the theme of Fueling the Future of RNA, the Committee will work to broaden and strengthen philanthropic support for the RNA Society's programs and community. Its priorities include fostering global scientific exchange, creating opportunities for early-career researchers and new principal investigators, sustaining and expanding the Society's awards program, and developing new initiatives that respond to the evolving needs of the RNA community. It will also introduce clearer and more accessible ways for members and supporters around the world to direct their contributions toward the areas of RNA science that matter most to them. To donate today, visit the RNA Society website at <https://rnasociety.memberclicks.net/guestdonation>.

These efforts aim to ensure that the RNA Society can continue to serve its community as RNA science grows in scope, reach and impact across research, medicine, and biotechnology.



Meet the Fundraising & Philanthropy Committee and Advisory Board, read more about our initiatives, and learn how you can take part at <https://www.rnasociety.org/donate/>. Every contribution helps shape the future of RNA research and supports the people and programs behind it.

Marlene Belfort

Chair of the Fundraising & Philanthropy Committee

MENTORING PROGRAMS

Nancy L. Greenbaum

We are now in the 9th cycle of the RNA Society's Individual Mentoring Program. Early this spring, 32 mentee applicants from around the world were paired with senior member mentors. Each mentee sought guidance during career transition and growth, and each of our mentors expressed willingness to share his/her time and expertise; every attempt was made to make the best “match”. Each pair agrees to meet (online or in person) regularly throughout the year-long cycle to support the mentee at critical stages of career development, including making decisions about professional paths, preparation of applications or proposals, or any other steps or challenges encountered in professional development. Throughout the nine cycles, mentees have been enthusiastic and appreciative about the guidance received, and most mentors have found the experience rewarding.

For those interested in becoming a mentor or mentee in the upcoming 10th cycle (starting February 2027), look for an email in mid-December and a posting on the RNA Society website. These will describe the program in more detail and will include an application form for mentee candidates; potential mentors are asked to provide a note expressing interest and to include any relevant information. Occasionally a junior faculty member offers to serve as a mentor to a PhD student while seeking mentoring to help guide his/her own career. Not surprisingly, the number of mentees seeking mentors with experience in private sector (pharmaceutical, biotech, industry, policy) and those who are undecided about pursuing academic vs. private sector careers increases each year—but there are never enough prospective mentors available in these fields.

So—if you have the relevant experience please respond to the next call for mentors!

RNA Society members from all parts of the world are encouraged to participate. Once accepted, mentor and

mentee participants are provided with information on how to define mentoring goals and progress and get off to a good start—but, unless requested, are not asked to follow any specific structure regarding their communication.

The RNA Society Career Mentoring Event at the Annual Meeting is more popular than ever. The switch to holding the dinner (instead of lunch, as at earlier meetings), started in 2024, appears to be appreciated by most attendees. At the most recent Annual Meeting in Montréal, more than 80% of the meeting participants registered for the dinner. As with the Individual Mentoring Program, we welcome even more participation by Society members with expertise in biotech or industry positions to balance the growing needs of our junior members seeking information about nonacademic careers. We always welcome ideas for new table topics, so please get in touch if you have a suggestion. Already looking forward to the next annual event in Strasbourg at the 2027 RNA Society Meeting!



Nancy L. Greenbaum
RNA Society Mentoring Programs

RNA SOCIETY JUNIOR SCIENTIST GROUP CORNER

Morghan Lucas, Cameron Berry, Christian Ramirez & Samuel Ogunsola

RNA 2026 in Montréal gave us more than great science; it gave us moments to remember. One of the highlights was our expert panel with Dr. Michelle Scott, Dr. Duccio Medini, Dr. Steven Brenner, and Dr. Mihaela Zavolan, who explored “RN-AI: Integrating AI & RNA Research.” The conversations continued beyond the lecture hall with a Meet & Greet session generously sponsored by the D2R Initiative at McGill University. We also ventured out on a hike to the beautiful Mount Royal, taking in breathtaking views of downtown Montréal along the way. The hike was followed by a barbecue at the McGill campus and a networking event organized by RNA Canada, giving everyone another chance to relax, connect, and enjoy the community.

On August 1st we marked RNA Day with our annual RNA Day Art & Baking Contests, showcasing the creativity of our members. This year’s winners wowed us: Visual Art: Morghan Lucas ‘Polysome Parade’ (1st), Yunus Sahin ‘Not All Stars Are Named, Yet All Shape

the Sky’ (2nd), Benova

Natalia ‘A Matter of

Fate’ (3rd), Jessica

Semmelrock

‘About-RNA’ (3rd) &

Culinary Art: Emma

Walter ‘U Stabilize Me’

(1st), Christian Ramirez

‘tRNAmisù’ (2nd), Li Anran ‘Hey! Don’t cut my tail

AAAAAAA!’ (3rd). Huge thanks to Lexogen for

sponsoring and to everyone who shared their stunning work, and we can’t wait to see what brilliant RNA creations are in store for 2027!

Want to get involved? Applications for the next Junior Rep cohort will open soon—come join us and help shape the future of our RNA Society community!

RNA Society Junior Scientists

Morghan Lucas, Cameron Berry, Christian Ramirez & Samuel Ogunsola



RNA SOCIETY JUNIOR SCIENTIST GROUP CORNER

RNA Day Art & Baking Contests 2026



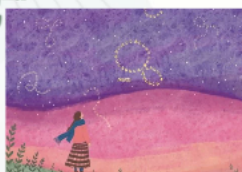
RNA Society RNA Day *Art Entry Winners*

1st



Polysome Parade
by Morghan Lucas

2nd



**Not All Stars Are Named. Yet
All Shape the Sky**
by Yunus Sahin

3RD



A Matter of Fate
by Benova Natalia

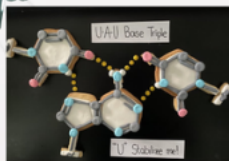
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About RNA
by Jessica Semmelrock

Baking Entry Winners

1st



U Stabilize Me
by Emma Walter

2nd



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by Christian Ramirez

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**Hey! Don't cut my tail
AAAAAAA! by Li Anran**

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