

Dr. Eric A. Andreasen
Graduate Student Award
For Excellence in Research and Scholarship

Dr. Eric Andreasen received his Ph.D. in toxicology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2001 with the guidance of Richard E. Peterson. He received postdoctoral training in developmental and molecular toxicology with Robert L. Tanguay at the University of Colorado and the Department of Environmental and Molecular Toxicology at Oregon State University. Dr. Andreasen was an extraordinary and generous scientist. He was instrumental in establishing zebrafish as a preeminent animal model for developmental toxicology research and made a number of other major contributions to developmental toxicology as well as to the fields of toxicogenomics, tissue regeneration and aryl hydrocarbon receptor biology. He worked professionally as a toxicologist for the United States Food and Drug Administration in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Dr. Andreasen was a man of personal and scientific integrity. He had a resolute desire to conduct exceptionally sound scientific research that would have lasting societal impacts. He was a quiet, effective leader who, led by example. A distinguishing characteristic of Dr. Andreasen is that throughout his career he served as an ambassador for every organization he was part of making both the work climate and productivity of the organization better. He unflinchingly offered to support and mentor others, and always made people feel welcomed and part of the research group family. He was selfless with his investments of time, spending long hours in the lab whenever required and exercising limitless patience with early career scientists. His commitment to others led to the career development of countless scientists.

As a way of honoring the life and scientific accomplishments of Dr. Andreasen, an annual award was created in his name. The Andreasen Award recognizes an outstanding graduate student that best exemplifies the qualities of scientific excellence and leadership exhibited by Dr. Andreasen. The recipient of the Dr. Eric A. Andreasen Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship will receive support to present their research at a national or international scientific meeting in their area of expertise. Graduate student nominations will be accepted from faculty at Oregon State University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Donations to the Andreasen Award in any amount should be made "In honor of Dr. Eric Andreasen in support of the Environmental & Molecular Toxicology Andreasen Award fund". Checks for should be made payable to the "Agricultural Research Foundation" and be forwarded to the Foundation at the following address: Agricultural Research Foundation; 1600 SW Western Blvd., Ste. 320, Corvallis, OR 97333.