

2017 FACULTY AWARD

An outstanding scientist and teacher with a distinguished record of research in the synthesis of novel pharmaceutical compounds, the winner of the 2017 Faculty Award has made lasting contributions to the University's academic life while enhancing our research profile. In the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, for instance, he helped double the size of the graduate program, which not only enhanced the research and teaching environment for graduate students and faculty but also increased safety and supervision in undergraduate laboratory instruction. He served as associate dean of research and graduate education in the College of Science for five years, playing a key role in the establishment of the ESTEEM program and leading efforts to secure training grants to develop interdisciplinary programs in the college. His capacities as a program-builder were also evident in his critical contributions to the creation of what is now the Boler-Parseghian Center for Rare and Neglected Diseases as well as the Warren Family Research Center for Drug Discovery and Development, where he currently serves as acting director. In 2013, he was appointed associate vice president for research to be project leader for McCourtney Hall, a position he held until the state-of-the-art facility's opening this past summer.

The University of Notre Dame is proud to present the 2017 Faculty Award to

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Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry