Caltech Center for Inclusion and Diversity

Celebration of Excellence

The Helen McBride Outstanding Mentee Award

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How do you see Caltech growing as it relates to inclusion and diversity?
I believe the Caltech Center for Inclusion and Diversity and the Caltech community has done incredible, inspiring work towards improving diversity and equity at Caltech, especially over this past year. I hope to see that these efforts will continue moving forward as we strive to provide more resources and programs that foster inclusion and diversity, and continue important conversations to cultivate an inclusive and equitable academic environment in our day-to-day life.

What does receiving this award mean to you?
To me, this award represents the extraordinary, tireless work that my female role models have done to instill in me a perpetual drive to follow my passions with leadership. I’m deeply grateful that I was able to work with a female mentor in the lab, Fa Ngamnithiporn, when I started graduate school, and thanks to her mentorship I have developed so much as a scientist. Looking forward, I hope to continue leading in my research and mentoring younger students to hopefully inspire the same drive as my mentors have done for me.