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February 13, 2020 - Please join us in congratulating Kunal Kundu for receiving an Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award from the UMCP Graduate School. Kundu is a PhD student in the Computational Biology, Bioinformatics, and Genomics concentration of the UMCP Biological Sciences Graduate Program. Roughly the top 2% of the approximately 4,000 University of Maryland, College Park graduate students serving as teaching, research, or administrative assistants receive this award each year. Selection criteria for Outstanding Research Assistant include making important contributions to a faculty member's research, mentoring other graduate assistants and students, showing future promise as a researcher, and having evidence of scholarly achievement.



John Moul and Kunal Kundu

Kundu's faculty advisor, IBBR Fellow John Moul (Professor, UMCP Department of Cell Biology & Molecular Genetics), shares: "Kunal is tremendously creative and productive and I was delighted to nominate him for Outstanding Research Assistant. Kunal's contributions to new computational methods for identifying pathogenic genetic variants, the development of an online resource for describing and analyzing disease mechanisms, and the utilization of deep learning methods to model genetic disease have so far resulted in thirteen publications."

Awardees receive a credit for one semester's mandatory fees and are invited to attend the Graduate School's Annual Fellowship and Award Celebration.

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