

## Rising Star Member

The Colorado RNA Club is seeking nominations for the 2021 Rising Star Member – a junior RNA scientist who has a lot of potential as an exceptional RNA researcher as well as a leader in the Colorado RNA Club community. The chosen Rising Star Member will receive a one-year RNA Society Membership and will be recognized at an Evening with RNA, in the Colorado RNA Club Newsletter and on the website. If you are a Colorado RNA Club PI, please consider nominating one of your mentees!

**Eligibility:** Undergraduates, post-baccalaureates, professional research assistants, and graduate students (Master's or Ph.D., within their first three years of joining a lab) are all eligible. One application per mentee, however a PI may nominate multiple mentees from their group. Priority will be given to those with financial need.

**Application Deadline:** March 5, 2021

**Application Instructions:** Only PIs may nominate mentees for the Rising Star Member. PIs must be current members of the Colorado RNA Club.

- Complete each nomination at: https://forms.gle/WP9MdjCi5BJTmJZq5
- In the form, you will be asked to provide a brief (up to 500 words) recommendation for each mentee. Please be sure to describe the following:
  - Your mentee's potential as an RNA researcher.
  - Your mentee's leadership qualities and their potential as a leader in the Colorado RNA Club.
  - Any financial need, particularly as it relates to affording an RNA Society Membership.

**Post-Award Information:** The awardee is expected to participate in the Colorado RNA Club's Evenings with RNA monthly meetings, including presenting their work, during the award period. While it is not required, the awardee is also encouraged to attend/present at the annual meeting of the RNA Society.