

OFF THE WALL

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“A ‘wall of fame’
like this one for
CAREER winners!”

— June 2023



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We had some
initial ideas



“How about adding another wall display?”

— August 2023

The project grew over time, expanding to include a wall of “legacy” early-career grant recipients as well as plans for a separate display honoring scholars in the arts, humanities and social sciences.

Original wall request: current early-career recipients



Yizeng Li
Ph.D., University of Michigan
Department of Electrical Engineering
NSF CAREER, 2021
Impacts of Intracellular and Extracellular
Hydraulic Environments on Membrane Cell
Migration in Confined Spaces
Li develops (phenotype-based) mathematical
models for cell motility, adhesion, volume
regulation and other biophysics problems.

Tile size: 20" x 9"

Additional request: “legacy” early-career grant recipients



Sarah Laszlo
Department of Psychology
NSF CAREER, 2013
Neural Computational Analysis
of Reading Load Reading
Requirements in Individuals

Tile size: 9" x 9"

Key takeaways:

This kind of project takes time.

Build support from key people, including the president, VPR, grants officers and relevant faculty and be open to their ideas and suggestions.

Plan for growth. That means you'll want to develop a relationship with a vendor who can provide ongoing support for the project so future "tiles" will match.

Involve a photographer and insist on great portraits.

This is just one way of honoring your accomplished researchers; we also experiment with receptions, lunches, gifts, networking opportunities and other ways to make these experts feel appreciated and supported on campus.