



Words of Gratitude: Honoring Drs. Kaplan & Kapur

A tribute to your dedicated leadership as Chairs of the Biomedical Research Committee (2012-2025)

The words contained within are only a sample of what your contributions to the IU School of Medicine, to its faculty and to its staff have meant.

13 years of Faculty Steering presentations, 13 years of Showalter Trustee presentations, and approximately 41 review meetings consisting of 291 Showalters, 476 BRGs (!) and 78 REGs do not convey the grace, humor, dedication, and fun that you infused into all that you did.

You have started your legacy early.

Amelia Linnemann



Your unwavering leadership did not go unnoticed for an often thankless job. This was especially important for me to see as I transitioned into leadership roles myself, and I'm thankful to have had the opportunity to serve on the committee with you!



Tao Lu



Thanks so much for your years' of service at BRC.
Your charming leadership skills will be remembered
forever.



Reza Shahbazi



Thank you for supporting bold ideas that have sparked innovation. Your leadership has left a lasting legacy that will continue to inspire progress.



Yuro Takagi



Thanks Drs. Kaplan and Kapur for the outstanding service as Chair of the biomedical review committee over the past 13 years. Your leadership and dedication have made a lasting impact, and I am truly grateful for your commitment.



Ankit Desai



Thank you for your years of dedication and efforts as BRC chairs! Best of luck to you.



Tami Hannon



You are tireless defenders of good science and service. Bravo!



Sasha Obukhov



It was a great pleasure to work with you. Thank you for your leadership!



Hongxia Ren



Thank you so much for serving as BRC chair for many years! As a member of BRC, I have witnessed your dedication and scientific rigor for strengthening IU research programs. When I was a junior faculty member, I also benefited from seeing you as exceptional role models. The critiques from the committee were very helpful for my extramural grant application and project development overall. I appreciate your service over the years and wish you the best for your next academic endeavors.



Matteo Vatta



Thank you so much for your tremendous contribution to IU and to its researchers. Chairing the major funding committee is a huge responsibility but also a tremendous opportunity to foster the projects with the best chances to thrive in such dynamic and challenging public funding environment. Thanks for your balance, your fairness and for allowing us to provide the best possible and constructive feedback. I wish you the very best.



Sabrina Absalon



Thank you both for your outstanding leadership and years of dedicated service on the BRC—your thoughtful guidance has made a lasting impact on our research community.



Ashay Bhatwadekar



As committee chairs, you both were absolutely fantastic, and I had a phenomenal time over the past 7–8 years. Thank you, first and foremost, for giving me the opportunity and for all the support along the way. You two were genuinely outstanding chairs, and I couldn't have asked for better leadership.



Mark Langer



Thank you Dr. Kapur and Dr. Kaplan for your excellent stewardship of the Biological Research Committee. You modeled fairness and efficiency in the organization of reviews, and served as an excellent champion of diverse faculty interests to the administrative and financial managers of the university and trusts. Through your labors, knowledge was advanced, good research was stimulated, scientists of different experience levels were encouraged and their skills honed, and the environment for pursuing innovative questions was enhanced.

Thanks again, and we hope to see you continue to contribute to the intellectual atmosphere on campus.



Shannon Hawkins



A huge thank you for doing this service for many years!



Naro Biswas



Thank you for your impressive service! The committee will sorely miss you.



Learning how to review and assess good proposals
Is not always easy – not a lot of tools at our disposal
But you have taught, guided and modeled it for us
With time and effort and minimal fuss
The evidence is irrefutable and clear
We grew, but competence comes with a tear
You will be missed
And the reasons create an endless list.

With our thanks for all your support, guidance and impact.