



Celebrating 2025 Hawaii

BRAIN (Bridging Research and Innovation in Neuroscience) **Scholar Graduates**



Shin Chang	Boston U	Medicine
Amanda Chau	U Hawaii	Pediatrics
Chloe Delos Reyes	Loma Linda	Pediatrics
Theodore Huo	Kaiser St Jose	Psychiatry
Julia Jahansooz	UC-Irvine	OB
Nathan Kim	U Hawaii	Orthopedics
ZoeAnn Kon	UCLA	Medicine
Michelle Lu	OHSU	Surgery
Stephanie Matsuura	Swedish Med	OB
Kerri Niino	U Hawaii	Pediatrics
Luke Taylor	U Utah	Medicine
Ward Weldon	Cedar Sinai	Orthopedics
Samantha Zuro	U Utah	Psychiatry
Charissa Tan	U Utah	Ophthalmology

Our faculty cannot be more proud of you!

BRAIN (Bridging Research and Innovation in Neuroscience) Scholar medical student research program is part of the University of Hawaii John Burns School of Medicine MD5 MED 599 Neuroscience Research Course. University Hawaii medical students may sign up for elective credit while working at BRITL in MD5 MED 599 Neuroscience research credit. [Online information](#)

2025 Graduating BRAIN Scholars Received the following awards from Medical Schools including: Dean's Certificate of Distinction: Research, Julia Jahansooz, Edward Weldon, Dean's Certificate of Distinction: Medical Education: Nathan Kim, Edward Weldon, Dean's Certificate of Distinction: Medical Innovation and Design, Shin Chang, Charissa Tan, Edward Weldon, Dean's Certificate of Distinction: One Health, ZoeAnn Kon, Dean's Certificate of Distinction: Patient Safety and Quality Improvement: Charissa Tan, Dean's Certificate of Distinction: Rural Health, Charissa Tan, Dean's Certificate of Distinction: Social Justice, Shin Chang, Kerri Niino, Charissa Tan, The Drs. Diane L. Ching and Andrew K. Feng Pediatric Award (Be a H.E.R.O. Award): Kerri Niino, Dr. Frank and Mary McDowell Award: Nathan Kim, The Glenn M. Kokame, MD Endowed Memorial Award for Surgery: Edward Weldon, Po'okela Noi'i Award: Charissa Tan, Hawaii Medical Association Alliance (HMAA) Endowment Award: Amanda Chau,

