The first-place winner of the Excellence in Research Award was given to Christopher Aretz, Ph.D. for his presentation on the *Discovery and Development of Inhibitors of Aedes Aegypti Kir Channel*. Dr. Aretz was presented a plaque and received a cash prize of $1,000. Dr. Corey Hopkins was presented a plaque for his contributions to excellence as his mentor.

The UNMC Excellence in Research Award honors postdoctoral scholars who have made outstanding contributions in research. This award is designed to celebrate postdocs’ exceptional achievements in research that will impact the field study.

Dr. Jayaram Lakshmaiah Narayana was awarded first runner-up for his presentation on the *Novel Peptides with Systemic in Vivo Efficacy against Drug-resistant Pathogens*. Dr. Narayana was presented a plaque and received a cash prize of $600. Likewise, Dr. Guangshun Wang was presented a plaque for his contributions to excellence as a mentor.

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