



## **The Amedeo Bondi, Ph.D. Endowed Fellowship to a Ph.D. student for excellence in research performance during the training experience:**

Amedeo (Mede) Bondi, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus was the first full-time Dean of the Graduate School at Hahnemann University (now Drexel University College of Medicine) and was Chairman of the Department of Microbiology from 1947 to 1983. During his tenure, Dr. Bondi taught virtually every Hahnemann medical student that passed through its halls as well as each of his own graduate students. "He was very devoted to teaching," says one of Dr. Bondi's children, Edward Bondi, M.D., HMC '74, noting that he and his brother John, M.D., HMC '68, also passed through his father's classrooms during their medical training.

A distinguished scientist, Dr. Bondi made several significant contributions to infectious disease research. He pioneered the disk test to determine susceptibility of pathogens to antibiotics, discovered the production of penicillinase by bacteria, laying the foundation for penicillinase-resistant penicillins, and contributed to improved vaccines for typhoid, brucellosis and whooping cough.

Dr. Bondi received the Becton-Dickinson Award in Clinical Microbiology in 1980 and in 1990, colleagues, past students and friends created an endowment in honor of Dr. Bondi to provide an annual award to a graduate student for excellence in research amongst their peers.

Bondi Fellowship Award winners by year:

2010 - Gregory P Botta, MD/PhD Candidate

2009 - Vlad Ratushny, MD/PhD Candidate

2008 - Liang "Oscar" Qiang, PhD Candidate

2007 - Heather Painter, PhD Candidate

2006 - Ken Meyer, PhD Candidate

2005 - Angelo Lepore, PhD Candidate

2004 - Vanessa Boyce, PhD Candidate