KeyBank has awarded a $100,000 grant to the Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute (HWI) to support two KeyBank Fellows in the UB Structural Biology program situated at HWI. KeyBank will be supporting Benjamin Orlando and Ritwik Nandigiri who are pursuing PhDs in the program. Both students are being advised by and are working with Dr. Michael Malkowski, HWI Principal Research Scientist and UB Assistant Professor of Structural Biology.

Dr. Malkowski states, “The financial contribution from KeyBank allows us the flexibility to pursue additional projects and delegate additional resources to these projects. It enhances our ability to ‘think outside the box’ and carry out ‘high-risk/high-reward’ studies.” Marie Hare, Vice-President for Philanthropy and Civic Affairs at KeyBank states, “KeyBank is pleased to help enable access to UB’s excellent Structural Biology Program for these two new scholars. This support through Hauptman Woodward is reflective of our commitment to education and our Western New York community”.

This KeyBank award is critical to augmenting HWI’s educational commitment to its students as well as to furthering the advanced research being undertaken by scientists at the Institute. Hauptman Woodward has been host to the University at Buffalo PhD in Structural Biology Program since 2001. Herbert Hauptman, HWI’s Nobel Laureate, had been on the department’s faculty till his passing in October 2011.

ABOUT HWI
With more than 50 years of exceptional scientific research, the Hauptman-Woodward Institute is an internationally-renowned independent, non-profit facility specializing in life-altering research. Our team of more than 75 members is committed to improving human health through the study of the causes of diseases, as well as potential therapies, at their fundamental molecular level. HWI is located in the heart of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus in Downtown Buffalo, New York, in a state-of-the-art structural biology research center at 700 Ellicott Street. For more information, visit HWI’s website at www.hwi.buffalo.edu or call 716-898-8600.

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