

Society of Toxicology

Minority Undergraduate Student Award Program

2010 SOT Annual Meeting

March 7-11, 2010

Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah

The Minority Undergraduate Student Award Program provides the opportunity for qualified students to attend a special program March 6-9, 2010, at the Society of Toxicology Annual Meeting. This program recognizes promising undergraduate science majors and their advisors and informs them about the discipline of toxicology, opportunities in toxicology, and the preparation necessary for a research career. Other benefits of the program include participation in a scientific meeting and interaction with SOT member-mentors and peers. Awardees receive support for transportation/lodging (lodging for those traveling over 50 miles), meals, and registration for the meeting. Students interested in a research career are encouraged to apply. Each institution may submit applications for up to four students maximum per year.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident
- Member of an ethnic/racial group underrepresented in the sciences (African American, Native American, including Alaskan or Hawaiian, or Hispanic Americans)
- Current enrollment as an undergraduate student at an accredited institution
- A minimum GPA of 3.0 in all courses
- Recommendation from an advisor at your institution
- Preference: sophomore or junior standing
- Have not received the award

DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF APPLICATION

1. a. Complete the application form provided as a Word document named “[your last name]MUPapp.”
 3. Add to that file one page (one side) containing a typed statement of 250 words or less that describes:
 - 1) your career objectives,
 - 2) how they relate to toxicology, and
 - 3) how attendance at this meeting will benefit you.
 4. Add to that file an electronic copy of your transcript(s) including course enrollment for the current semester (sealed official copy not required).
2. Verify that your portions of the application are complete. E-mail the Word or pdf file containing application, statement, and transcript to your advisor in advance of the deadline.
3. Print and sign the application form (first page only) and give the form to your advisor when you request a letter of recommendation.
4. The advisor will write the letter of reference in a file named “[student last name]MUPref.”
5. The advisor will complete the Institutional Cover Sheet and name it “[institution name]MUPcov.”
6. The advisor will e-mail all the application files for all the students from that institution plus Institutional Cover Sheet in one e-mail message sent to sotadmin@toxicology.org no later than **October 15, 2009** (extended from October 9). Use “MUP” in the subject line.
7. The advisor will sign the application form for each student and mail page (only) for all the students from that institution in one envelope to **Minority Undergraduate Student Award Program, 1821 Michael Faraday Drive, Suite 300, Reston, VA 20190**. These must arrive at SOT by **October 20, 2009** (extended from October 15).

APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

- High cumulative GPA
- Quality of written statement
- Commitment to a research career in science indicated by written statement and previous activities
- Evidence of strong science background and achievement
- Potential for continued success in science as documented by advisor
- Class standing; sophomores and juniors receive preference