

Society of Toxicology

Perry J. Gehring Diversity Student Travel Award

The Perry J. Gehring Diversity Student Award recognizes a student who participated in the SOT Undergraduate Program, is from an ethnic group underrepresented in toxicology (African American, Hispanic, Native American or Pacific Islander), and is presenting a paper at the upcoming SOT meeting. The recipient will receive a plaque and travel stipend to assist in defraying expenses for travel, lodging, and meals at the meeting, and will be recognized during the SOT Undergraduate Program. The award recipient is selected by the Committee on Diversity Initiatives.

The Gehring Student Travel Award is provided through the Society of Toxicology Endowment Fund. This award recognizes a major figure in toxicology in the late 1990s who made important scientific contributions in biological modeling and scientific evidence-based risk assessment and as a builder of scientific organizations. Perry J. Gehring served as SOT President in 1980-1981. Dr. Gehring had a strong interest in encouraging individuals from ethnic groups under-represented in the sciences to enter biomedical sciences and toxicology.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicant submitted an abstract accepted for the meeting
- Individual is from an ethnic group identified as underrepresented in toxicology (African American, Hispanic, Native American or Pacific Islander).
- Applicant has participated in the SOT Undergraduate Student Program within the last 4 years.
- Applicant may be an undergraduate or a graduate student, with preference given to graduate students.

Review Criteria

- Scientific merit of the work represented in the abstract
- Quality of student's personal statement
- Strength of advisor's reference
- Potential for student to achieve excellence as a graduate student and as a member of the scientific community

Directions for Completion of Application

1. Complete the application form provided.
 - a. Print a copy of the application form and sign it.
 - b. Mail this form to SOT Headquarters:
Gehring Diversity Award
Society of Toxicology
1821 Michael Faraday Drive
Suite 300
Reston, VA 20190

2. Send the following application materials electronically to Headquarters at sotadmin@toxicology.org, in this order, in one pdf or Word document. Name the file “[last name]Gehringapp” and use “Gehring” in the subject line.
 - a. Completed application form
 - b. Your 250-word personal statement indicating the value of your previous participation in the SOT Undergraduate Student Program and your aspirations for a career in biomedical science.
 - c. Copy of the abstract you submitted for the 2010 SOT Annual Meeting
 - d. Transcript including course enrollment for the current semester (unofficial version)

3. Direct your advisor to the electronic nomination form at <http://www.toxicology.org/ai/fa/GehringAwardNomination.doc>. Have your advisor complete the nomination form and e-mail it to SOT Headquarters at sotadmin@toxicology.org using “Gehring” in the subject line.

All of the above items must be received at SOT Headquarters no later than midnight ET **October 9, 2009**.

The signed copy of the form must arrive by **October 15, 2009**.

For questions contact sotadmin@toxicology.org or call 703-438-3115.