

Society of Toxicology

Undergraduate Toxicology Education Program Award

2009 Annual Meeting

March 15-19, 2009

Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, Maryland

The Undergraduate Toxicology Education Program Award provides the opportunity for qualified students to attend a special program March 14-16, 2009, at the Society of Toxicology Annual Meeting. This program recognizes promising undergraduate science majors 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.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident
- Current enrollment as an undergraduate student at an accredited institution receiving limited federal funding for science and engineering (list linked from award description on the SOT Web site)
- A minimum GPA of 3.0 in all courses
- Recommendation from the advisors at your institution
- Preference: first generation college attendee (neither parent graduated from a four year institution)
- Preference: sophomore or junior standing
- Have not previously received the award

DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF APPLICATION

- a. Complete the application form provided as a Word document named “[your last name]UTEapp.”
 - b. 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.
 - c. 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]UTeref.”
5. The advisor will complete the Institutional Cover Sheet and name it “[institution name]UTEcov.”
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 9, 2008**, using “UTE” in the subject line.
7. The advisor will sign the application form for each student and mail this page (only) for all the students from that institution in one envelope to **Undergraduate Toxicology Education Program Award, Society of Toxicology, 1821 Michael Faraday Drive, Suite 300, Reston, VA 20190**. These must arrive at SOT by **October 15, 2008**.

APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

- Eligibility: enrollment at institution receiving limited science funding
- 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 in science
- Potential for continued success in science as documented by advisor
- Class standing; sophomores and juniors receive preference
- First generation college attendee (neither parent graduated from a four-year institution)