Resolution: Creation of the Robert J. Rubin Student Travel Fund

Endowment Fund Name: Robert J. Rubin Student Travel Award Fund

Sponsoring Specialty Sections: Mechanisms and Risk Assessment

Purpose: The Robert J. Rubin Student Travel Fund proceeds will be used to provide travel awards to one or more graduate students to participate in the Annual Meeting of the Society of Toxicology (SOT).

Funding: The initial contributions to the Rubin Fund and the matching SOT funds result in the Rubin Fund having initial assets of $25,000, qualifying it for designation as a “Permanently Restricted Net Asset Fund and its continuation in perpetuity.

It is hoped that the Fund will attract additional gifts in the future, especially from other students who benefited from Professor Rubin’s tutelage.

Management: Recipients of the Rubin Award will be selected by a Committee jointly appointed by the leadership of the Mechanisms Specialty Section and the Risk Assessment Specialty Section. The Award Recipient(s) will be selected based on the scientific quality of the abstract of a presentation that applies mechanistic toxicology to risk assessment.

It is anticipated that the first Award from the Rubin Fund will be made for an individual to attend the 2010 SOT meeting.

Background: Robert J. Rubin, Professor Emeritus, Environmental Health Sciences, Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, had a distinguished career in toxicology and an important role in the education of many toxicologists and environmental health scientists. Creation of the Robert J. Rubin Student Travel Award Fund has been established with an initial generous gift from Mark R. Montgomery, one of Professor Rubin’s doctoral students at Johns Hopkins University.
Endowment Fund Resolution Approval

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The Robert J. Rubin Student Travel Award will serve to recognize Dr. Rubin’s pioneering role in developing the toxicology graduate program at Johns Hopkins University, his outstanding contributions to applying mechanistic toxicology to risk assessment and, especially, his strong commitment to facilitating the attendance of students at professional meetings such as those of the Society of Toxicology.

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