

# SOT STUDENT E-LETTER



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE GSLC

Dear Students,

Welcome to the Winter Edition of the SOT student eLetter. This newsletter is published by the Communications Subcommittee of the SOT Graduate Student Leadership Council (GSLC). These newsletters contain important information about the **BENEFITS** of an SOT student membership and provides links to websites where you can get more information about the regional and national resources available from SOT.

*-The Graduate Student Leadership Committee*

## ABOUT THE GSLC

Each Regional Chapter (RC), Special Interest Group (SIG), and Specialty Section (SS) elects one graduate student member to represent their group in the GSLC. The GSLC *Executive Board* oversees the Committee. GSLC officers include three Subcommittee Secretaries, although they do not serve on the Executive Board. The GSLC was created to provide student leadership at the national SOT level. Our job is to address the needs of students in the Society and to promote student participation and membership. If you are interested in learning more about the GSLC, please visit us at the [graduate student page](#) on the SOT website.



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# 2018 ANNUAL MEETING



**\*\*Get up-to-the-minute-details and download the SOT 2018 app\*\***

## **Featured Scientific Sessions**

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### **Plenary Session**

**Developing Genome-Edited Stem Cells for Therapy of Patients: Assessing Efficacy and Toxicology**

**Monday, March 12, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM**

*Lecturer: Matthew H. Porteus, Stanford University*

### **Distinguished Toxicology Scholar Award Lecture**

**Monday, March 12, 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM**

*Lecturer: Roger O. McClellan, Toxicology and Human Health Risk Analysis*

### **Translational Impact Award Lecture**

**Tuesday, March 13, 11:00 AM – 12:20 PM**

*Lecturer: Jia-Sheng Wang, University of Georgia*

### **Keynote Medical Research Council (MRC) Lecture**

**Circadian Clocks: Setting the Tempo of Our Life**

**Wednesday, March 14, 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM**

*Lecturer: Michael Hastings, MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology*

# Career Development Sessions

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## In It to Win it: How to Negotiate During the Interview Process

**Tuesday March 12, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM, CC Stars at Night Ballroom B1**

After years of professional training, early-career toxicologists are eager to start interviewing to finally secure their dream job. While nailing the interview is important, navigating the delicate process of negotiations is critical to successfully sealing the deal. However, negotiations are often kept private, giving trainees little knowledge of negotiation logistics and etiquette. Further, negotiating procedure and tactics can vary widely between academia, industry, and government. This session is designed to provide trainees with tips and strategies that will help them successfully navigate the negotiation process. Speakers, representing successful toxicologists from academia, industry, and government, will: 1) provide an overview of the negotiation process; 2) give advice on specific items that are included in recruitment packages; and 3) present practical examples of negotiating skills and techniques. The presentations will be interactive and will engage the audience through live polling technology, role playing, and mock negotiations. These discussions will be highly relevant to all student and postdoctoral attendees, as well as senior toxicologists considering a transition across the professional sectors. This career development session will stimulate an active discussion about how negotiations proceed and provide trainees with strategies, tips, and the confidence to navigate this daunting process and secure their dream job.

## Perfecting Your “Elevator Pitch”

**Tuesday March 13, 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM, CC Stars at Night Ballroom B1**

Effectively communicating science to the general public and to experts in the field is a skill that must be mastered in order to build your career. For most individuals, and especially most trainees, orally presenting a seminar or formalized science speech is much easier than giving a brief, two-to-three minute talk about one’s science and its impact on the general public. This “elevator speech,” however, is often the most important talk one will ever give, as you often have to communicate your science in a brief, succinct, and clear fashion in order to convey your message to lay individuals and experts alike. Further, during job interviews, you will not have one hour to talk to every interviewer individually, but, rather, will have to quickly summarize your work in a couple of minutes. This session will provide tips and tricks to deliver your “elevator speech,” which will be useful for your interactions not only at the SOT Annual Meeting and ToxExpo, but also in your daily professional (and maybe personal) life. Following a brief introduction, a panel of experts and early-career scientists will provide examples and advice on how to quickly summarize a scientific project into a brief two-to-three minute speech. Following the short panel discussion, a 35-minute “hands-on” session will follow in which the session chairs will facilitate attendees as they perform their two- to three-minute “elevator speeches” in small groups. Five minutes will be allocated to wrap-up the session following the hands-on activity.

## Career Opportunities in Regulatory Toxicology

**Wednesday March 14, 11:00 AM – 12:20 PM, CC Stars at Night Ballroom B1**

This session will serve as an introduction to current issues and opportunities in regulatory toxicology for graduate students and early-career scientists, as well as to motivate them to seek training experiences that will increase their knowledge of the approaches to and challenges of bringing modern-day toxicology into a risk or safety assessment process. The SOT Graduate Education Subcommittee, via its Awareness of Regulatory Toxicology (ART) Working Group, has assembled experts in regulatory toxicology to discuss opportunities available for toxicology trainees and others interested in pursuing careers in regulatory toxicology. Resources developed by ART for trainees interested in these careers also will be presented to attendees. Regulatory bodies within the United States and other countries use scientific data from various sources to assess the safety of chemicals and drug candidates in order to inform regulatory policy and determine approvals for use. In turn, industry uses scientific data to meet regulatory requirements and to achieve product stewardship and sustainability goals. Training in and application of modern, laboratory-based science must be married to the legislative and regulatory processes in order to inform decisions that are understandable and benefit the public. Many toxicology and postdoctoral training programs do not cover regulatory toxicology or regulatory processes to a significant degree. In addition, scientists who engage in the regulatory process through advisory boards or public comment on specific issues may not be fully aware of the regulatory process and/or impacts of regulatory decisions. Although toxicologists often gain experience while on the job, accessing training or internships in regulatory toxicology early in a scientist's career benefits trainees by increasing knowledge of how scientific data can be used in the public domain, as well as by increasing awareness of available job opportunities. In addition, knowledge of the regulatory use of toxicology information also benefits toxicologists considering service in an advisory capacity to government or industry.

## SOT Mentoring Breakfast

**Monday March 12, 6:15 AM to 7:45 AM, Convention Center Room 220**

The Society of Toxicology recognizes the importance of mentoring in the scientific and professional development of its members. As such, the Society is pleased to announce the seventh annual Mentoring Breakfast. The Mentoring Breakfast is for SOT members at any career stage—from students and scholars to senior scientists—who are seeking a mentor. Trained facilitators will lead small-group discussions to determine each individual's wants and needs in a mentor and then will use this information to connect the participant with an appropriate mentor. Please note that mentor information will be provided after the Annual Meeting, and mentors do not attend the breakfast. Registration is limited and is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Attendance is \$10 per person and includes a continental breakfast.

# **Career Development Opportunities**

## **Chat with an Expert ([Learn more](#))**

The purpose of the **Chat with an Expert** is to provide graduate student and postdoctoral scholars with the opportunity to network informally with well-established toxicologists while obtaining career advice and meeting new colleagues. Mall groups are composed by matching research interests of students and postdocs with those of an expert. The expert for each group identifies a time and a place for an informal meeting, and the group meets at the Chat with an expert Poster before proceeding to the meeting location. Details for each group meeting will be sent to participants in advance of the meeting.

## **Poster Tours for Trainees ([Learn more](#))**

The Postdoctoral Assembly organizes **Poster Tours for Trainees** for graduate students and postdoctoral scientists to participate in a one hour guided poster tour with an expert toxicologist. These small group tour provide the opportunity for trainees to take part in critical evaluation of cutting-edge toxicology methods and research findings and network with an expert toxicologist. Recruitment individuals interested in being poster tour guides beginning in early December. Graduate students and postdoctoral scholar signups will open in early 2018. Details for each group will be distributed to the participants in advance of the meeting.

## **Mentor Match**

Launched by the Career Resource and Development (CRAD) Committee, the goal of the online service is to match mentees with potential mentors with SOT membership with a focus on career path selection. Mentees and mentors typically join up at the annual SOT conference but can also maintain contact throughout the year. Learn more by accessing the [program](#).

## **Job Bank**

The job bank is a very useful online service provided by SOT that is free for all SOT student members. Prospective employers and recruiters post job openings that are valid for four months. Additionally job seekers can use the job bank to post their resumes, and contact employers and recruiters directly. [Check it out!](#)

## **Career Development Webinars**

The SOT Career Resource and Development Committee works to develop information and produce webinars and SOT Annual Meeting sessions designed to provide career guidance to SOT members. Student members can access all the webinars dated back to September 2009 through this link, <https://www.toxicology.org/careers/cdr/careerTips.asp>.

## **Specialty Section Breakout Mentoring Sessions**

<b>Mentoring Sessions</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Drug Discovery	Monday, 3/12	12:15 – 1:45 PM	CC Room 212
Food Safety	Monday 3/12	4:45 – 5:45 PM	Grand Hyatt Lone Star E
Association of Scientists of Indian Origin	Monday, 3/12	4:45-5:45 PM	Grand Hyatt Texas F
Hispanic Organization of Toxicologists	Tuesday, 3/13	12:00-1:00 PM	CC Room 215
Medical Devices and Combination Products	Tuesday 3/13	5:00 – 6:00 PM	Grand Hyatt Texas E
Immunotoxicology	Tuesday, 3/13	4:00 – 5:00 PM	Grand Hyatt Texas F
Molecular and Systems Biology, Mechanisms, IVAM	Tuesday, 3/13	6:30 – 8:30 PM	Casa Rio
Cardiovascular Toxicology	Wednesday, 3/14	7:30 – 8:00 AM	Schilo's
Regulatory and Safety Evaluation	Wednesday, 3/14	11:30 – 1:30 PM	Menger Hotel Restaurant
Biological Modeling	Wednesday, 3/14	11:45 – 1:00 PM	Azuca Nuevo Latino
Comparative and Veterinary	Wednesday, 3/14	4:30 to 6:30 PM	Grand Hyatt Seguin

**\*email student representative (below, p.11) for more details regarding session registration**

## **Trainee Discussions**

### **Trainee Discussion with Plenary Session Presenter**

**Monday, March 12, 9:45 AM to 10:45 PM, Convention Center Room 223**

Dr. Porteus will meet informally for discussion with graduate students and postdoctoral scholars after the Opening Plenary Session. Registration is limited to SOT student and postdoctoral members. Tickets are required for entry but all students are encouraged to drop by as spaces may become available.

### **Trainee Discussion with Medical Research Council (MRC) Lecturer**

**Wednesday, March 14, 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Convention Center Room 221A**

Dr. Hastings will meet informally for discussion with graduate students and postdoctoral scholars after the Keynote MRC Lecture. Registration is limited to SOT student and postdoctoral members. Tickets are required for entry but all students are encouraged to drop by as spaces may become available.

### **Career Exploration through Speed Informational Interviews**

**Tuesday, March 13, 1:25 PM to 2:45 PM, Convention Center Room 220**

Do you find yourself wondering what your career options are in the field of toxicology? Then this is the event for you! This career development special event is designed for graduate students and postdocs who want to gain insight into the different career sectors in toxicology. Groups of trainees will rotate through a series of approximately eight-minute discussions with career representatives from academia, government, and industry. Trainees can ask the career representatives questions about their background, career path, the hiring process in their company/sector, and other aspects of identifying and pursuing career interests.

This session will provide an informal opportunity to gain insight about different employment sectors in toxicology through candid discussions in a casual setting. Graduate students and postdocs are encouraged to sign up for this event when they register for the Annual Meeting, as registration will be limited to maximize the opportunity for small group discussion with career representatives.

## **Student Activities and Events**

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### **STUDENT/POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLAR MIXER**

**Sunday, March 11, 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM, CC Hemisfair Ballroom C1**

Hosted by Graduate Student Leadership Committee (GSLC), this is an opportunity for all students and postdoctoral scholars to gather, meet new colleagues, and reestablish relationships in an informal atmosphere at the beginning of the meeting. Learn about being involved in SOT by speaking with student leaders at the SOT component group posters. The GSLC Outstanding leadership Award is presented during this event. Tickets are obtained at no cost by registering for the Mixer on the Annual Meeting Registration Form. Ticket and meeting badge are required. Complimentary refreshments and a cash bar will be available.

### **#YOUToX MEDIA CAMPAIGN**

In March 2016, the Communications Subcommittee of the GSLC launched a new version of #YouTox ([Follow on Twitter](#)) campaign. We encourage all SOT members (professionals, postdocs, students) to participate in the following ways:

- 1) Answer the prompt: "I love toxicology because \_\_\_\_." Your statement can be accompanied by a picture or other form of media. Please post your responses to your personal social media account(s) using the hashtag #YouTox or send responses by email to Daniel Luo, GSLC Communications Subcommittee Chair ([jxl1008@iastate.edu](mailto:jxl1008@iastate.edu)), any time before the SOT Annual Meeting, while in San Antonio, or throughout the rest of the year. If you post to a personal account, send Daniel a message so he can share and repost content on SOT's social media accounts.
- 2) Visit #YouTox at the SOT Pavilion in ToxExpo to A) Share why you love toxicology on our graffiti wall, B) take a #YouTox-themed picture with our photo frame.
- 3) Look for our "roaming" student volunteers with the #YouTox photo frame throughout the Convention Center.

### **POSTDOCTORAL ASSEMBLY LUNCHEON**

**Tuesday, March 13, 12:30 PM to 1:20 PM, Convention Center Room 220**

Hosted by: Postdoctoral Assembly (PDA)

The Postdoctoral Assembly Luncheon is a casual event that encourage engagement and networking among postdoctoral scholars. Finishing a discussion from your morning poster session? Leaving early to set up a poster or attend another meeting? That's no problem; stop in when you can! Enjoy a buffet lunch while networking with others, including PDA officers, Postdoctoral Representatives, and SOT Councilor members. This is the time for postdocs to relax, celebrate achievements, and have fun. At 12:45 PM, there will be a short program which will include recognition of the Best Postdoctoral Publication Award recipients and the welcoming of the 2018-2019 PDA officers. Door prizes add even more fun to this lively event. Postdocs should reserve a ticket for \$10 when registering for the Annual Meeting.

## **GSLC Communications Update**

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The GSLC Communications Subcommittee has been working to improve communication with Student members by reducing the length of the Winter eLetter and sharing the extra information in the form of short updates posted throughout the year. These short updates can be found as [ToXchange posts](#) which are titled "GSLCorner." The updates are sent to the email address that you have registered with SOT. If you miss any of the email updates, they are stored in ToXchange on the [graduate student page](#) under "Graduate Student Announcement Topics." Updates that have been posted already this year include announcements of award winners and notable seminar topics/events from RC, SS, and SIG fall meetings, #YouTox media campaign announcements, upcoming travel award deadlines, Continuing Education opportunities, toxicology conferences of interest, and Annual Meeting alerts.

## **Student Membership Information**

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Being a Student member of SOT provides excellent opportunities to interact with other Student members and toxicology experts in SOT. You will gain access to ToXchange, the [SOT Online Job Bank](#), and student award information. You will be a part of a larger community of scientists and gain eligibility for student leadership positions. Furthermore, with student memberships, many students stay actively involved throughout the year by participating in their SOT regional chapter (RC), and staying connected to their professional networking by participating in Specialty Sections (SS) and Special Interest Groups (SIG). Membership in SOT facilitates communication that can open the door for new research collaborations. It also is a great way to network with future employers!

**Not a Member? [Apply today!](#) Already a Student member of SOT, then [renew your dues online.](#)**

# The GSLC Community



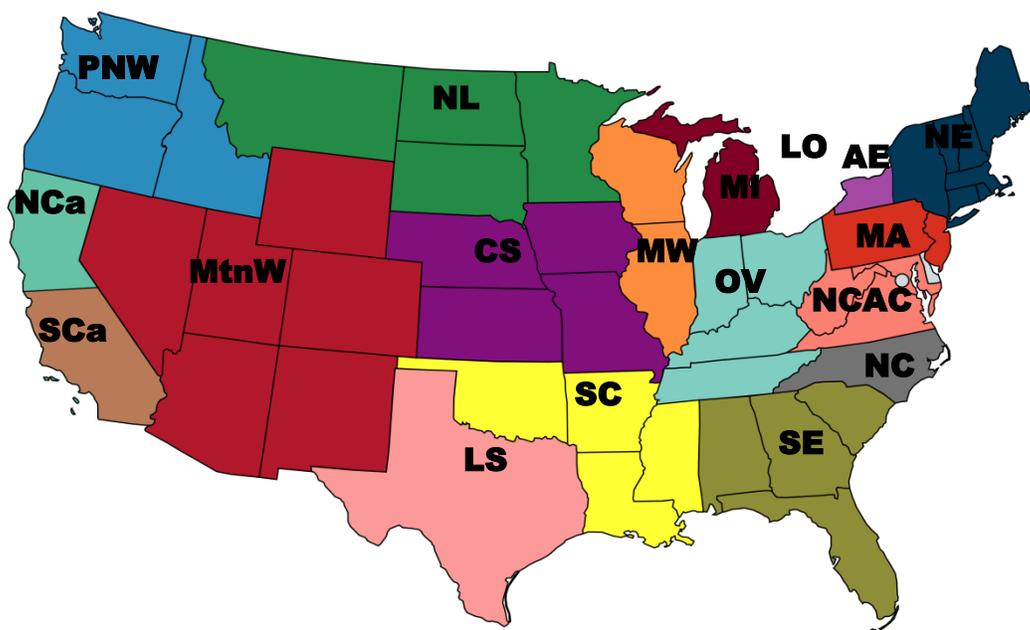
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## **BECOME INVOLVED IN YOUR REGIONAL CHAPTER**

There are 18 RCs within the SOT whose purpose is to foster scientific exchange at the local level. These chapters sponsor regional meetings throughout the year that offer exceptional scientific programs, renowned speakers, and opportunities for student involvement in poster and seminar sessions. Additionally RCs provide an invaluable tool to network with individuals who have careers in academia, government, and industry positions within those specific regions of the United States. Also be sure check out the [poster, seminar and travel AWARDS](#) that are given annually to dedicated and gifted student regional members!



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<b>Regional Chapter Receptions</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Allegheny-Erie	Wednesday 3/14	4:30 – 6:00 PM	Pat O'Brien's The Briar's Suite
Central States	Monday 3/12	7:00 – 8:00 AM	Marriott Rivercenter Sazo's
Lake Ontario	Wednesday 3/14	4:30 – 6:00 PM	Pat O'Brien's The Briar's Suite
Michigan	Wednesday 3/14	4:30 – 6:00 PM	Pat O'Brien's The Briar's Suite
Mid-Atlantic	Monday 3/12	12:15 – 2:00 PM	Casa Rio Texas Room
Midwest	Tuesday 3/13	6:30 – 8:00 AM	Hyatt Regency Riverwalk Q Kitchen
Mountain West	Tuesday 3/13	6:00 – 9:00 PM	Iron Cactus
National Capital Area	Monday 3/12	7:00 – 9:00 PM	Pat O'Brien's The Briar's Suite
North Carolina	Monday 3/12	7:00 – 9:00 PM	Pat O'Brien's The Briar's Suite
Northeast Luncheon	Tuesday 3/13	11:30 – 1:30 PM	Grand Hyatt Republic B
Northeast	Tuesday 3/13	6:00 – 9:00 PM	Iron Cactus
Northern California	Tuesday 3/13	7:00 – 10:00 PM	Zinc Bar & Bistro Zinc Bar & Bistro
Ohio Valley	Wednesday 3/14	4:30 – 6:30 PM	Iron Cactus Mexican Grill & Margarita Bar
Pacific Northwest	Monday 3/12	5:30 – 7:30 PM	Rio Rio Cantina Presidente Room
Southeastern	Monday 3/12	6:30 – 8:30 PM	Casa Rio
Southern California	Tuesday 3/13	6:00 – 9:00 PM	Iron Cactus

**\*email student representative (above) for more details regarding reception registration**

## **PARTICIPATE IN SPECIALTY SECTIONS (SS)**

There are 29 SSs within the SOT designed to bring together scientists of similar interests, expertise, and experience. The SSs are primary sponsors of many of the programmatic sessions during the SOT Annual Meeting. Students are encouraged to join a SS because such groups provide students with opportunities for future employment and collaborations, as well as providing a platform for students to suggest scientific sessions and symposia for the Annual Meeting. The SSs encourage student involvement by providing funds for competitive student travel awards and best abstract awards that recognize their accomplishments. Learn more by visiting their homepage.

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Biotechnology	Wednesday, 3/14	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Grand Hyatt Texas B
Carcinogenesis	Monday 3/12	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Grand Hyatt Lone Star C
Cardiovascular Toxicology	Monday 3/12	12:00 – 1:30 PM	CC Room 213B
Clinical and Translational Toxicology	Monday 3/12	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Grand Hyatt Lone Star A
Comparative and Veterinary	Tuesday, 3/13	12:00 – 1:30 PM	CC Room 214C
Computational Toxicology	Tuesday, 3/13	12:00 – 1:30 PM	CC Room 214B
Dermal Toxicology	Wednesday, 3/14	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Grand Hyatt Texas D
Drug Discovery Toxicology	Tuesday, 3/13	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Grand Hyatt Lone Star B
Ethical, Legal, and Social Issues	Wednesday, 3/14	12:00 – 1:30 PM	CC Room 209
Exposure	Wednesday, 3/14	12:00 – 1:30 PM	CC Room 214B
Food Safety	Tuesday, 3/13	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Grand Hyatt Lone Star A
Immunotoxicology	Tuesday, 3/13	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Grand Hyatt Texas F
<i>In Vitro</i> and Alternative Methods	Wednesday, 3/14	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Grand Hyatt Texas C
Inhalation and Respiratory	Monday 3/12	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Grand Hyatt Texas B
Mechanisms	Wednesday, 3/14	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Grand Hyatt Texas E

Medical Device and Combination Product	Tuesday, 3/13	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Grand Hyatt Texas E
Metals	Tuesday, 3/13	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Grand Hyatt Texas D
Mixtures	Monday 3/12	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Grand Hyatt Lone Star F
Molecular and Systems Biology	Monday 3/12	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Grand Hyatt Texas C
Nanotoxicology	Tuesday, 3/13	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Grand Hyatt Texas B
Neurotoxicology	Tuesday, 3/13	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Grand Hyatt Texas C
Occupational and Public Health	Monday 3/12	12:00 – 1:30 PM	CC Room 210
Ocular Toxicology	Monday 3/12	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Grand Hyatt Lone Star B
Regulatory and Safety Evaluation	Monday 3/12	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Grand Hyatt Texas A
Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology	Wednesday, 3/14	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Grand Hyatt Texas F
Risk Assessment	Tuesday, 3/13	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Grand Hyatt Texas A
Stem Cells	Wednesday, 3/14	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Grand Hyatt Republic A
Toxicologic and Exploratory Pathology	Tuesday, 3/13	12:00 – 1:30 PM	CC Room 214D

**\*email student representative (above) for more details regarding reception registration**

## **PARTICIPATE IN SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)**

SOT has established 6 SIGs to promote the recruitment of toxicologists who share a common interest in toxicological research with a common country of origin, ethnicity, or gender. The goals of these 5 groups are to develop and conduct programs and opportunities that promote career development and recognize accomplishments of the toxicologists in each SIG. Learn more about the workshops, seminars, and student awards by visiting their homepage.

<b>SIG Homepage</b>	<b>Student Rep.</b>	
American Association of Chinese in Toxicology ( <a href="#">AACT</a> )	Jun Zhou	<a href="mailto:junzhou9@uga.edu">junzhou9@uga.edu</a>
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Hispanic Organization of Toxicologists ( <a href="#">HOT</a> )	Teresa Anguiano	<a href="mailto:teresa.anguiano@gmail.com">teresa.anguiano@gmail.com</a>
Korean Toxicologists Association in America ( <a href="#">KTAA</a> )	Dahea (Diana) You	<a href="mailto:airen@scarletmail.rutgers.edu">airen@scarletmail.rutgers.edu</a>
Toxicologists of African Origin ( <a href="#">TAO</a> )	Kirsten Noell	<a href="mailto:kmnoell@umes.edu">kmnoell@umes.edu</a>
Women in Toxicology ( <a href="#">WIT</a> )	Lauren Walker	<a href="mailto:lauren.walker@email.ucr.edu">lauren.walker@email.ucr.edu</a>

<b>Special Interest Group Receptions</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
American Association of Chinese in Toxicology (AACT)	Monday 3/12	5:00 – 9:00 PM	Grand Hyatt Texas D
Association of Scientists of Indian Origin (ASIO)	Monday 3/12	7:00 – 9:30 PM	Grand Hyatt Texas F
Hispanic Organization of Toxicologists (HOT)	Tuesday, 3/13	6:00 – 9:00 PM	Pat O'Brien's
Korean Toxicologists Association in America (KTAA)	Monday 3/12	6:00 – 9:00 PM	Casa Rio Casa Rio
Toxicologists of African Origin (TAO)	Monday 3/12	6:00 – 8:00 PM	Rio Rio Cantina
Women in Toxicology (WIT)	Wednesday, 3/14	4:45 – 7:00 PM	Grand Hyatt Lone Star D

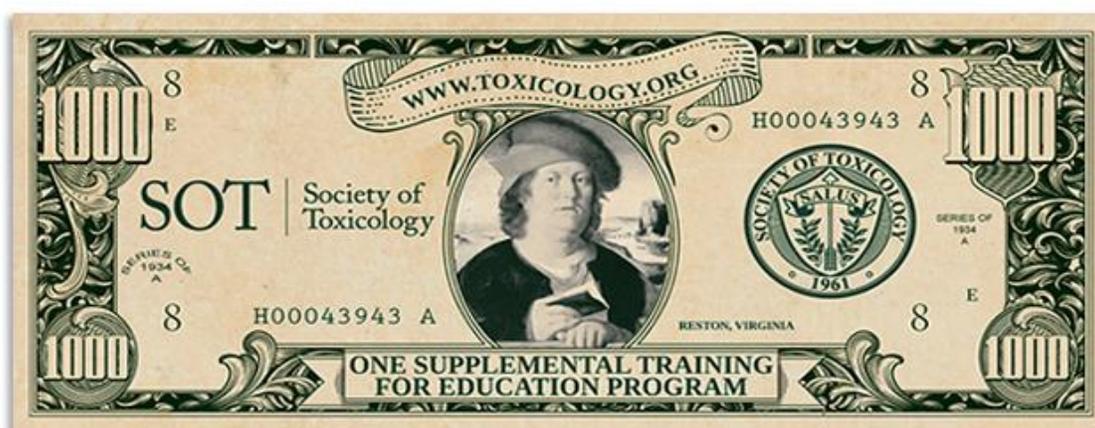
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## **ATTENTION GRADUATE STUDENTS! (and their mentors)** **Supplemental Training for Education Program (STEP)--** **Next Deadline: May 1**

**Doctoral students are encouraged to submit a strong application proposing and justifying participation in a workshop or event that enables professional or scientific training needed to achieve career goals, but that is outside the scope of their graduate program.**



**For more information:**

**<http://www.toxicology.org/education/st/step.asp>**