The 2017 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 under-represented in toxicology (for example, African American, Hispanic, Native American or Pacific Islander), and is presenting a paper at the SOT Meeting. The award recipient is selected by the Committee on Diversity Initiatives and may be either a graduate student or undergraduate student.

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

Kaylin Marie White, an undergraduate student at Spelman College, is the 2016 recipient of this award. A 2015 Undergraduate Education Program participant, her abstract is entitled “Investigating the Effects of Berry-Flavored Electronic Cigarette Liquids on Airway Epithelial Cells.”

Participants in the SOT Undergraduate Diversity Program can apply for the Perry J. Gehring Diversity Student Travel Award if they meet eligibility requirements, including submission of an abstract for the SOT Annual Meeting and having participated in the program during the previous three years. The abstract submission deadline is generally October 7 and the award application deadline is October 9.

We also recognize the previous Perry J. Gehring Diversity Student Travel Award recipients.

- 2016  Lizbeth Perez-Castro
- 2015  Latisha T. Pryor
- 2014  Pamella B. Tijerina
- 2013  Alexandra Colón-Rodríguez
- 2012  Alba K. Gonzalez Rivera
- 2011  Eva A. Amouzougan
- 2010  Nygerma L. Dangleben
- 2009  Vanessa De La Rosa