Colgate-Palmolive Award for
Student Research Training in Alternative Methods

Thanks to the generosity of the Colgate-Palmolive Company, the SOT offers up to two awards annually to enhance training in research using alternative methods and techniques to replace, reduce or refine the use of animals in toxicological research. The training may include, but is not limited to, use of in vitro and ex vivo procedures, non-mammalian animal models, computer modeling, and structure-activity relationships. The proposed activity cannot involve the use of higher level animals, including dogs, cats, and primates. The awards are designed to provide toxicology graduate students opportunities to develop expertise in such methodologies at 1) a laboratory away from their home institution; 2) a laboratory at their home institution that would not be available to them otherwise; or 3) approved workshops, symposia or continuing education programs where hands-on training will be received. The training should help toxicology graduate students enhance their thesis or dissertation research and gain appreciation for the use of alternatives in toxicological research. Awards of up to $3,750 per student will defray travel, per diem, and training expenses (including costs of workshops, symposia, and research expenses at the host and home institutions).


Applicants must provide a proposed itinerary, budget, and rationale for the training. Letters of support from the applicant's research advisor/mentor and director of the hosting laboratory are required. If the award is to attend a workshop, symposium or continuing education program, documentation of the contents of the program must be provided instead of the host letter.

Recipients will submit a project report to SOT Headquarters within 60 days of completion of the training.

Application Directions
1. a. Complete all sections of the application form provided.
   b. Add the Research Plan (maximum of 2 pages)
2. Upload electronic copy of transcripts of most recent graduate study
3. Letter of support from your research advisor/mentor
4. Letter of support from the director of the hosting laboratory OR documentation of the program of the workshop, symposium, or continuing education program (e.g., advertisement, official program, etc.); in this case, the research mentor letter should address the itinerary and goals of the activity.

Upload the completed application documents on the Awards page at www.toxicology.org to arrive by the October 9 deadline. Mail the signed application page to SOT Headquarters (address below) to arrive by October 15.

Application Review Criteria
Strength of application will be determined by the merits of the proposed plan, match to award program objectives, relevancy to thesis or dissertation work, and potential for increasing the use of alternative methods.