Colgate-Palmolive Postdoctoral Fellowship Award in *In Vitro* Toxicology

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS**

Consistent with its long-standing commitment to advance the development of non-animal methods for product safety assurance, the Colgate-Palmolive Company sponsors this Postdoctoral Fellowship Award through the Society of Toxicology, directed toward the use of alternatives in toxicology. The proposed research should involve alternative replacement methods that do not employ animals. No use of animals will be funded. Although *in vitro* testing can be an important way to address the replacement aspects, the use of *in vitro* techniques alone does not imply innovation in this area. Therefore, applications will be reviewed for potential to contribute to the advancement of the field of alternatives.

The award (up to $44,000) is given annually and includes stipend and research-related costs as well as travel funding to attend the SOT Annual Meeting to present the work the Spring subsequent to the award. Total administrative costs to the awardee’s institution may not exceed 8 percent annually and are included in the maximum award amount.

**Eligibility**

The award is available to postdoctoral trainees employed by academic institutions, Federal/National laboratories, or research institutes worldwide. The doctoral degree must have been conferred before this fellowship is awarded. Preference will be given to applicants in their first year of postdoctoral study. The applicant or postdoctoral advisor must be a member or pending member of SOT. If the recipient is not a member, he or she will be required to submit a membership application before the fellowship is conferred.

**Selection of Awardee**

Selection of the awardee will be made by the Awards Committee of the Society of Toxicology. The Awards Committee reserves the right to solicit reviews from the general membership of the SOT who demonstrate expertise relative to the specific aims of the submitted proposals.

**Application**

The application includes the application form, description of the proposed work, and supporting documents. The description of the research to be performed will, in not more than three pages, include the specific aims of the research, and a description of their relevance to the development of nonanimal methods for safety assessment. Any relevance to dermal or ocular toxicity end points should be addressed. Preliminary data in support of the application may be included in an Appendix. A brief section addressing the career goals of the applicant should also be included. The applicant’s *curriculum vitae* (including education background, academic honors, membership in professional societies, publications, and abstracts), graduate transcripts, and three recommendations are also required. These letters must address the scientific background, originality, proficiency, and independent research capability of the candidate. Dates of association and the nature of the association with the applicant should be defined. One letter is from the doctoral advisor. Another is from the
prospective postdoctoral advisor, who should address the applicant’s research potential and describe the nature and extent of the commitment of research or other institutional resources to the applicant. The amount, duration and source(s) of research support of the postdoctoral advisor relative to the candidate’s application must be indicated, and relevant resources available at the awardee institution should be described.

**Budget Guidelines**

The total award amount to the recipient is up to $44,000 annually. The stipend from this source of funding is up to $39,000 annually, plus $2,000 travel funding to attend the SOT Annual Meeting and present the work the Spring subsequent to the award, plus the remainder to accommodate the 8% institutional overhead. Note: while the travel funds are an option in the budget, the expectation is stated that the work will be presented at the SOT Annual Meeting. The awardee may receive supplemental support from other sources.

**Presentation of the Award**

The SOT Awards Committee reserves the right, if deemed necessary, to interview finalists at the SOT Annual Meeting. Announcement and official presentation of the award will take place at the Awards Ceremony at the SOT Annual Meeting. Funding may commence at that time, or no later than the following September of the year in which the award is made.

**Recipient Requirements**

The awardee must provide a research progress report to the SOT and Colgate-Palmolive by December 31 of the year in which the fellowship is awarded, that states research objectives, addresses progress made toward achieving the specific aims of the research, and includes experimental data. A letter from the postdoctoral research director documenting the satisfactory progress of the awardee must accompany this progress report. Awardees may re-apply for the award the following year. Representatives from the SOT and/or Colgate-Palmolive may visit the awardee on-site following appropriate notification. A final research report must be submitted at the completion of the award period. Any publications resulting from this research should acknowledge the support of Colgate-Palmolive and the SOT, and reprints should be provided to the SOT. Colgate-Palmolive has no editorial influence over written or oral presentation of project data, nor the interpretation thereof.

**Award Deadline**

The application will be submitted electronically through the SOT Awards Module. Mail the originals of the two pages with official signatures (application form and letter from research institution) to the following address:

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Completed applications must be submitted electronically by October 9 in the year prior to the year in which the fellowship is awarded. The application form and letter from the research institution must be received within one week (7 days) of the award application deadline.