

Funding available thru the SOT Graduate Education Subcommittee

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- ◆ *No conflicts of interest to report*



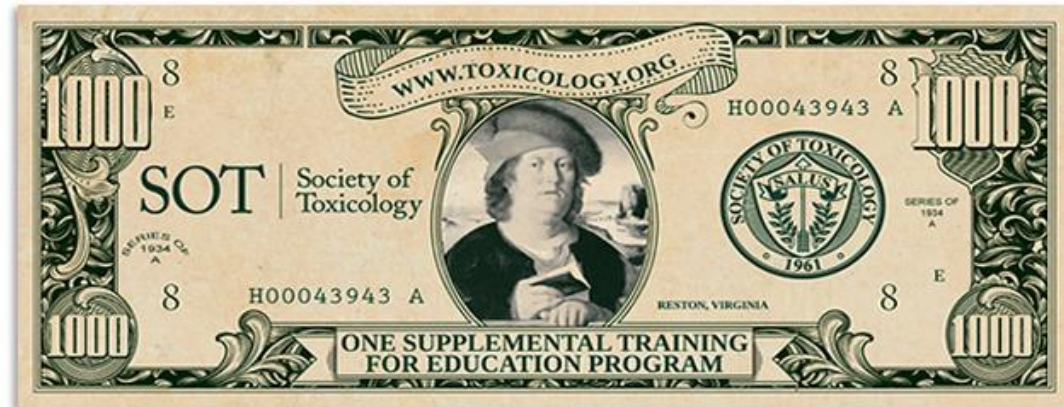
STEP Program

Supplemental Training for Education Program (STEP)- Next Deadline: May 1/October 9

Doctoral (PhD) students are encouraged to apply for SOT funding to support **participation in a workshop, training course or event** which facilitates the professional or scientific education needed to achieve future career goals. The activity should be outside the scope of their graduate program and graduate research. *International student applications are welcomed too.*

For more info:

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



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Graduate Intern Fellowship in Toxicology (GIFT) Program

- ◆ SOT recognizes that diverse training experiences facilitate successful entry of graduate students into the modern toxicology workforce.
- ◆ Pilot Program, funded by SOT education endowment fund, to enable graduate students to obtain experiences not traditionally included in graduate training.
 - ❖ Immersion in internships provides students unique appreciation of the day-to-day activities of toxicologists and paths for success in industry, government, and non-profit organizations.
 - ❖ Applications require the proposal of an internship outside of the trainee's academic institution
 - ❖ International student applications are welcomed, no citizenship requirements

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Funding Details

- ◆ Approximately three or more awards of up to \$3000 each will be given for Summer 2019 to support travel to the internship site, local housing, and/or stipend (if not provided by the internship host).
 - ❖ Requested funds should take full advantage of any stipend or funding offered by the internship host and home institute.
 - ❖ SOT funds are to be used to close gaps in available funds to facilitate participation by graduate trainees
 - ❖ All internships should last at least 6 consecutive weeks between May and August 2019

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Application Details

- ◆ Applications should include letters of support from the internship host, graduate advisor, and director of graduate studies to validate and ensure success of the opportunity.
- ◆ These must occur during the degree program
 - ❖ Cannot be an add-on at the end of a degree program to help a student stay funded)
- ◆ Must be outside scope of the applicant's graduate training program.
- ◆ If the deadline for the SOT funding is before acceptance into the internship, the application or host letter should state this.
 - ❖ Once accepted, the applicant should forward this notice as the Graduate Subcommittee will finalize the SOT award only after confirmation of acceptance into the internship program.

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Eligibility Details

- ◆ Applicants must:
 - ❖ 1. Be enrolled in a PhD program in toxicology or related field at the time of application and have completed at least 2 semesters or 3 quarters in the program. Note that PhD candidacy is not required.
 - ❖ 2. Be an SOT student member (or have an application pending) at the time of application and be a member at the time of the experience.
 - ❖ 3. Designate an internship that begins no sooner than two months following the application deadline.
 - ❖ 4. Complete the internship no later than a year after the deadline for which the application was submitted.

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Application Components

- ◆ Include evidence of commitment of institutional, personal, and/or other funds to cover internship costs of participation in excess of \$3000.
- ◆ The applicant's PhD advisor and the graduate program's Director of Graduate Studies (or similar position), must send a supporting letter(s) directly to SOT
 - ❖ Indicating approval of the applicant's participation in the defined internship, any plans needed to release the student from program tuition relevant obligations (e.g. leave of absence for the program if needed), and describing the relevance and value to the applicant's career goals.
 - ❖ Further, if applicable, the letter should confirm the availability of funds (e.g., institutional commitment) proposed to cover costs in excess of \$3000.

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Application Components continued

- ◆ Letter of support from the host/organizer of the internship
 - ❖ Describing the availability and details of the training, including.
 - ❖ Specify the learning objectives for the internship experience.
 - ❖ Documentation from the host of acceptance for this internship. If this is not available at the time of application, it will be required before an award is finalized.

- ◆ Applicant feedback on the value of the experience to the Graduate Subcommittee.

- ◆ **KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE WEBPAGE AND APPLICATION TO BE RELEASED BY MID NOVEMBER**

“Stepping Out of the Lab: Maximizing Access and Experience for Internships in Toxicology“ (ID 131)

- ◆ The session will consist of five 12-min presentations (60 min total) followed by a 20-min group discussion on ways to increase internship opportunities and overcome barriers for industry and government to host interns, and for graduate students to attain highly competitive internships.

- ◆ 1. Agnes Karmaus, Integrated Laboratory Systems, Inc., Research Triangle Park, NC, USA
 - ❖ Benefits and Challenges of Performing an Internship as a Graduate Student

- ◆ 2. Natalie Johnson, Texas A&M
 - ❖ “Real-World” Training Experience Through Internships at the Interface of Toxicology and Regulatory Science

“Stepping Out of the Lab: Maximizing Access and Experience for Internships in Toxicology“ (ID 131)

- ◆ 3. Lauren Aleksunes, Rutgers University
 - ❖ Private-Public Partnerships as a Foundation for the Training of Toxicology Students
- ◆ 4. Amy Roe, Procter and Gamble
 - ❖ Hosting a Student Intern in Industry
- ◆ 5. Shelley DuTeaux, California EPA, Department of Pesticide Regulation
 - ❖ Exploring Opportunities Provided Through Government Agency Internships
- ◆ 6. Aaron Bowman, Purdue University.
 - ❖ Moderator: Group Discussion

Questions...

If you have a question or comment, please use the “Q&A” function on the right side of your screen at the end of the webinar.

