

**Endowment Fund Name:** James A. Swenberg Carcinogenesis Merit Award Fund

**Sponsoring Group:** Carcinogenesis Specialty Section

**Purpose:** The goal of the *James A. Swenberg Carcinogenesis Merit Award Fund* is to encourage junior faculty members to conduct mechanistic research in the field of carcinogenesis. The fund will be used to recognize outstanding individuals for their cumulative contribution to the advancements in understanding the mechanisms of environmental agent-associated carcinogenesis.

**Management:** A committee to manage the award will be appointed by the Carcinogenesis Specialty Section leadership. It is expected that the proceeds of the fund will be used to provide one or more merit awards annually. The Carcinogenesis Specialty Section leadership will have the responsibility for identifying the dollar amount of the award/s given each year, the detailed criteria for selection of the award recipients, the selection of recipients, and the mechanism for bestowing of the award. The awards will carry the designation “James A. Swenberg Carcinogenesis Merit Award.” It is anticipated that the award/s will be presented to a member of the Society of Toxicology who holds the appointment as a tenure- or research-track assistant professor in an academic institution in the United States or abroad and who is within 15 years since obtaining her/his highest earned degree (in the year of the Annual Meeting of the Society of Toxicology).

**Background:** Carcinogenesis Specialty Section is one of the oldest specialty sections within SOT and its members have made a number of seminal contributions to the field of toxicology and the Society. The membership of this specialty section is multidisciplinary and drawn from academia, industry, and government. Current range of interests include the understanding of genetic susceptibility to disease phenotypes at the molecular, cellular, whole organism, and population level as well as understanding the molecular mechanisms that underlie functional changes due to toxicology and carcinogenesis. Professor James A. Swenberg has been a long-time member of the Carcinogenesis Specialty Section. He is Kenan Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Environmental Sciences in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Public Health’s Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering. He earned a DVM degree from the University of Minnesota and a PhD in Veterinary Pathology from Ohio State University. He has been on the faculty at UNC since 1989 and a member of SOT since 1979. Professor Swenberg had a distinguished career in toxicology and his research has made seminal contribution to the field of biomarkers of DNA damage and understanding of how environmental agents may cause cancer through genotoxic mechanisms. Professor Swenberg has been a relentless promoter of scientific, service, and educational excellence in his trainees; many of them are holding faculty positions in the United States and abroad. The investment of his time, energy and wisdom into promoting junior faculty to success in academia was immense and will be recognized through this endowment fund.

**Funding:** It is understood that the Carcinogenesis Specialty Section leadership shall strive to encourage gifts to the *James A. Swenberg Carcinogenesis Merit Award Fund*, thereby increasing the assets in the Fund, the annual proceeds and, most importantly, the positive impact of the Fund on the junior faculty members of the SOT. It is anticipated that these contributions will

reach the \$50,000 threshold required for the fund to become a permanent one, given the level of interest expressed as consideration was given to creating the fund. However, if the fund does not reach the \$50,000 threshold within the required time period, it is acknowledged that the fund will become a Temporary Restricted Net Asset Fund, and the funds will be disbursed completely over a period of years specified by the Endowment Board.

**Leadership for Fundraising:** Carcinogenesis Specialty Section leadership and other specialty section members will lead the fundraising effort.

**Termination:** In the unlikely event that the *James A. Swenberg Carcinogenesis Merit Award Fund* should cease to exist, or if it should no longer wish to be aligned with the Fund, the SOT Endowment Board shall recommend for ratification to SOT Council the transfer of the remaining assets of the Fund to a new or existing fund that has a purpose or purposes consistent with those of the Fund.

Approved by the Endowment Fund Board: May 22, 2019

Ratified by Council: June 6, 2019