

**Endowment Fund Name:** Occupational and Public Health Endowment Fund

**Sponsoring Group:** Occupational and Public Health Specialty Section (OPHSS)

**Purpose:** The goal of the Occupational and Public Health Endowment Fund is to encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in the field of toxicology with a focus on occupational and/or public health. The fund will be used to provide Occupational and Public Health Specialty Section (OPHSS) awards that focus on encouraging trainees pursuing a toxicology career in the occupational and/or public health field. Examples of awards might include the following: student best abstract award, student travel award, and the graduate student / postdoctoral best manuscript award.

**Management:** A committee to manage the awards will be appointed by OPHSS leadership (OPHSS Executive Committee). It is expected that the proceeds of the fund will be used to provide monetary support for trainee awards. The OPHSS leadership will have the responsibility for identifying the number of awards given each year, the detailed criteria for selection of the award recipients, and confirming the selection of recipients and bestowing of the awards.

**Background:** OPHSS is an organization comprised of professionals with a common interest in occupational and public health. OPHSS members have made a number of sentinel contributions to the fields of occupational toxicology and public health. The membership of OPHSS is multidisciplinary, spanning industry, academia, and government as well as individuals at various points in their careers. The main goal of OPHSS is to provide a forum for the awareness and dissemination of toxicological information and issues as they relate to occupational and public health.

**Funding:** The Occupational and Public Health Endowment Fund is being created with an initial contribution of \$10,000 from Joel Bercu and Jessica Graham. It is understood that the (OPHSS) leadership shall strive to encourage gifts to the Occupational and Public Health Endowment Fund, thereby increasing the assets in the Fund, the annual proceeds and, most importantly, the positive impact of the Fund on trainees. 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:** It is understood that the OPHSS leadership shall strive to encourage gifts to the Occupational and Public Health Endowment Fund. OPHSS leadership and members will engage in fundraising efforts.

**Termination:** In the unlikely event that the Occupational and Public Health 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: June 12, 2023

Ratified by Council: July 20, 2023