**Endowment Fund Name:** Edward W. Carney Trainee Award Fund

**Sponsoring Specialty Section:** Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology

**Purpose:** The goal of the Edward W. Carney Trainee Award Fund is to encourage education and training in reproductive and developmental toxicology. The fund will be used to support graduate student or postdoctoral scholar travel to meetings that offer significant educational opportunities in the field of Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology, such as the annual meetings of SOT and the Teratology Society.

**Management:** A committee to manage the award will be appointed by the Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology Specialty Section (RDTSS) leadership, consisting of members of the RDTSS who are also members of the Teratology Society. (Note to Endowment Board: This should not be a difficult condition to meet, as there is a very high degree of overlap between the memberships of the two organizations.) It is expected that the proceeds of the fund will be used to provide travel awards to trainees attending either Society’s annual meeting. The awards will carry the designation “Edward W. Carney Trainee Award”.

**Background:** Ed Carney was a distinguished scientist who made significant contributions to developmental biology and developmental toxicology. Ed was a past president of the Teratology Society and of SOT’s Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology Specialty Section. Ed was a devoted mentor, teacher, and scientist; it is fitting that his name be associated with a training function in the science to which he devoted his career.

**Funding:** The award will be funded by individual contributions. It is anticipated that these contributions will easily 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 three years of establishment of the fund, 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:** A core group of individuals who have worked with Ed via Dow Chemical, SOT and/or the Teratology Society has agreed to undertake the solicitation of funds. These include Lynn Pottenger, Chris Bowman, Rene Hunziker, Mary Alice Smith, Rob Ellis-Hutchings, Jim Kim, Mike Holsapple, and George Daston.

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