

Endowment Fund Name: Donald E. Gardner Inhalation Toxicology Education Award Fund

Sponsoring Specialty Section: Inhalation and Respiratory

Purpose: The goal of the Gardner Fund is to encourage education and training that will promote innovation in the field of Inhalation Toxicology. The Fund will be used to provide stipends to early career scientists to gain specialized training in novel inhalation toxicology methodologies, including respiratory tract dosimetry and mechanisms of action of inhaled materials. Such training is to be obtained in the laboratory of leading scientists in the field of inhalation toxicology and will enable the recipients of Gardner Awards to be better able to contribute to understanding the hazards/safety of inhaled materials. The Gardner Fund also may provide funding for educational webinars on innovative methods in the fields of Inhalation and Respiratory Toxicology.

Management: Gardner Award recipients are to be selected by the SOT Inhalation and Respiratory Section based on criteria identified by the Section.

Background: Donald E. Gardner was a distinguished pioneer in the field of Inhalation Toxicology. His research contributed to a better understanding of the health effects of air pollutants, thereby promoting the health of workers and the public. His mentorship of numerous individuals played a key role in their development as contributing scientists. His role as the founding Editor-in-Chief of *Inhalation Toxicology* and his editorial role for a quarter of a century helped shape and move forward the fields of inhalation and respiratory toxicology.

It is intended that the total assets of the Donald E. Gardner Inhalation Toxicology Education Award Fund will reach \$25,000 or more, at which time the Society will match contributions dollar-for-dollar provided that the matching funds are available based on the current matching program that expires on June 30, 2016. To qualify as a Permanently Restricted Net Asset Fund, the Fund must reach the \$50,000 threshold within three years for continuation of the Fund in perpetuity. It is anticipated that this can be accomplished by June 30, 2017, and at the 2018 SOT Annual Meeting how the available funds were distributed will be announced. From time to time, to encourage contributions, the Inhalation and Respiratory Specialty Section may provide a match to fund contributions. Such matches will not receive an additional SOT match, but will contribute to the \$50,000 total needed for the fund to qualify as a Permanently Restricted Net Asset Fund.

However, should the \$25,000 threshold not be achieved within three years from ratification by Council, it is understood that the fund will be treated as a Temporary Restricted Net Asset Fund to be completely expended for the purpose stated herein within such period of time not to exceed three years from ratification as Council shall determine. It is understood that the Inhalation and Respiratory Specialty Section leadership shall strive to encourage gifts to the Donald E. Gardner Inhalation Toxicology Education Award Fund, thereby increasing the assets in the Fund, the annual proceeds. In the unlikely event, for any reason the Inhalation and Respiratory Specialty Section should cease to exist or indicate it no longer wishes to be aligned with the Donald E. Gardner Inhalation Toxicology Education Award Fund, the SOT Endowment Fund Board shall have the a

responsibility for proposing and the SOT Council shall ratify a successor entity within the SOT whose interests are aligned with the Fund and its purpose to ensure that it is continued in perpetuity.

Leadership for Fund Raising: The fund already has already received pledges of \$10,000. Judy Graham, Rudy Jaeger, Roger McClellan and Fred Miller have agreed to provide leadership for raising funds.

Approved by Endowment Fund Board: October 15, 2014

Ratified by Council: October 22, 2014