

Endowment Fund Name: Mitzi and Prakash Nagarkatti Research Excellence in Immunotoxicology Award Fund

Sponsoring Specialty Section: Immunotoxicology

Purpose: The goal of Mitzi and Prakash Nagarkatti Research Excellence in Immunotoxicology Award Fund is to encourage and recognize graduate students and postdoctoral scholars for their excellence in research involving mechanisms of immunomodulation in health and disease. The proceeds of the fund will be used to provide travel awards to graduate students and postdoctoral scholars to attend the SOT Annual Meetings based on best research conducted. The Fund is aligned with the Immunotoxicology Specialty Section.

Management: A committee to manage the award will be appointed by the Immunotoxicology Specialty Section. It is expected that the proceeds of the fund will be used to provide travel support to attend SOT to present research. The awards will carry the designation Mitzi and Prakash Nagarkatti Research Excellence in Immunotoxicology Award

Background:

This fund is established to encourage graduate students and postdoctoral scholars to pursue cutting-edge mechanistic research on immunomodulation seen in health and disease and share that widely with the research community.

Funding: Growth of the fund will depend on 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: Immunotoxicology Specialty Section

Approved by the Endowment Fund Board: December 8, 2016

Ratified by Council: January 24, 2017