

## **ENDOWMENT FUND RESOLUTION APPROVAL**

### **Resolution: Creation of Ronald G. Thurman Student Travel Award Fund**

**Endowment Fund Name:** Ronald G. Thurman Student Travel Award Fund

**Sponsoring Specialty Section:** Mechanisms Specialty Section

**Purpose:** This resolution, when approved by the Society of Toxicology (SOT) Endowment Board and ratified by SOT Council, will create the Ronald G. Thurman Student Travel Fund. Proceeds from this Fund will be used to provide travel awards to one or more graduate students to participate in the Annual Meeting of the SOT.

**Funding:** Contributions of \$5,000 have been pledged, and with the “50<sup>th</sup> SOT Anniversary Match”, the Fund balance will start at \$10,000. It is anticipated that other former students of Dr. Thurman and other individuals will make contributions to the Fund.

It is intended that the total assets of the Thurman Fund will reach \$25,000 within 3 years to qualify it as a Permanently Restricted Net Asset Fund with continuation of the Fund in perpetuity. It is anticipated that this can be accomplished by June 30, 2010, and that the first Award from the Thurman Fund will be made for an individual to attend the 2011 SOT meeting.

**Management:** Recipients of the Thurman Award will be selected by a Committee appointed by the leadership of the Mechanisms Specialty Section. The Award Recipient(s) will be selected based on the scientific quality of the abstract of a presentation that applies biochemical, pharmacological and/or toxicological techniques to questions of interest in mechanistic toxicology and that has been accepted for presentation at an Annual Meeting of the Society of Toxicology.

The abstract and presentation should be based on the student’s research. Applications for the Award will be accepted for presentations to be given up to one year after the Award Recipient receives their doctoral degree.

## **Endowment Fund Resolution Approval**

### **Creation of Ronald G. Thurman Student Travel Award Fund**

**Background:** Dr. Ronald G. Thurman, Professor, Department of Pharmacology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, had a distinguished career in toxicology and an important role in the education of many students. The Ronald G. Thurman Student Travel Award is being created with initial generous contributions from former students and colleagues of Dr. Thurman.

The Ronald G. Thurman Student Travel Award will serve to recognize Dr. Thurman's significant role in furthering the toxicology graduate program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, his outstanding contributions to applying mechanistic toxicology to the areas of ethanol metabolism and toxicity, xenobiotic metabolism, liver transplantation, hepatocarcinogenesis and hepatobiology and, especially, his strong commitment to facilitating the attendance of students at professional meetings such as those of the Society of Toxicology.

Date Approved by Endowment Fund Board: June 22, 2009

Date Ratified by SOT Council: September 3, 2009