

Endowment Fund Name: *Dr. William M. Baird Travel Award Fund*

Sponsoring Group: Pacific Northwest Association of Toxicologists (PANWAT) Regional Chapter of SOT

Purpose: The goal of the *Dr. William M. Baird Travel Award Fund* is to encourage the attendance of students, postdocs or young investigators from the Pacific Northwest region to present their work at toxicology-oriented scientific meetings, such as the Annual Meeting of SOT. The fund will be used to support travel to the Annual Meeting of the Society of Toxicology and/or other toxicology-oriented meetings.

Management: A committee to manage the award and develop criteria will be appointed by the PANWAT Regional Chapter executive committee. It is expected that the proceeds of the fund will be used to provide one or more travel awards to defray travel expenses to attend a toxicology-oriented scientific meeting, such as the Annual Meeting of SOT. The awards will carry the designation "Dr. William M. Baird Travel Award."

Background:

The *Dr. William M. Baird Travel Award Fund* is established to acknowledge the pioneering work and contributions of Dr. Baird to the field of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon toxicology and carcinogenesis and to provide funds to enable deserving individuals to attend the annual SOT meeting and other toxicology-oriented meetings.

Funding: It is understood that the PANWAT Regional Chapter leadership shall strive to encourage gifts to the *Dr. William M. Baird Travel Award Fund*, thereby increasing the assets in the Fund, the annual proceeds and, most importantly, the positive impact of the Fund on awardees. Dr. Brinda Mahadevan has pledged \$5000 to initiate the fund, and the PANWAT leadership is committed to encouraging 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 in creating the fund. However, if the fund does not reach the \$50,000 threshold in the allotted time, the accrued funds will be transferred to the Pacific Northwest Toxicology Development Fund to be used to support awards to trainees.

Leadership for Fundraising: The PANWAT leadership will appoint a steward (or committee) to oversee fundraising and administration of the fund. This responsibility may be transferred among individuals at the discretion of the PANWAT leadership.

Termination: In the unlikely event that the PANWAT Regional Chapter should cease to exist or if it should no longer wish to be aligned with the Fund, the SOT Endowment Board shall recommend to SOT Council for ratification the transfer of the remaining assets of the Fund to a new or existing fund having a purpose or purposes consistent with those of the Fund.

Approved by the Endowment Fund Board: May 20, 2019

Ratified by Council: June 6, 2019