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*REGIONAL
CHAPTERS,
SPECIALTY SECTIONS,
AND SPECIAL
INTEREST GROUPS*

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General Reminders

IT'S NOT TOO LATE: Late-Breaking Abstract Submissions for the 2026 SOT Annual Meeting and ToxExpo will be December 15th, 2025-January 22nd, 2026! *(\$95 late-breaking submission fee)*

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information about SOT Abstract Submissions

Newsletters and Blogs As an SOT student member, you have access to news, articles, and important announcements. Other communications not included in these student e-letters will appear as [ToXchange posts](#) which are sent to the email address you registered with SOT. Keep your eye out for these emails with [blogs](#), webinars, announcements, and programming from the GSLC! Additionally, as a student in our society, you should be able to access the “[Graduate Student Announcement Topics](#)” under “My Community” tab in ToXchange. The tab titled Blogs has all GSLC blog post, including recently published blogs, such as “[Join the SOT Mentor Match Program](#)” and “[Lets Chat! All Experts wanted for the Chat with an Expert Program](#)”.

Webinars and Other Events Webinars can be found under the “Graduate Student-Focused Webinars” tab on the [SOT Webinars Page](#). Many of the regional chapter meetings offer opportunities for students to present research in a poster format or flash talk. Check out these meetings for sharing your research as well as networking opportunities! The official [Calendar of Events](#) has meeting dates and more.

Graduate Student Resources Take advantage of your student membership! Find opportunities for awards, leadership, volunteer work, and training support on the [SOT Graduate Student Membership page](#). Under the Graduate Student Announcement Topics page in ToXchange, you can read about the latests discussions, see scheduled events, access the library with past e-letters, and access the contact information of other student members.

Graduate Student Awards Click on this [link](#) to access information regarding awards or travel support for Specialty Sections, Regional Chapters, and Special Interest Groups.

Student Membership Information

SOT Membership and Renewal

Apply for SOT Membership Not a member? [Join SOT today!](#) Student members get access to the ToXchange community, [SOT Online Job Bank](#), and student award information. By joining SOT, you will become part of the largest toxicology society in the world. In addition to connecting with the SOT community, you will become eligible for student leadership positions, and gain opportunities for networking with future employers! Deadlines for 2025 applications are as follows:

Application Deadline	Committee Reviews	Notification
December 31, 2025	January	February

Renew Your Dues Online Use the [online portal](#) to pay your annual dues before December 15, 2025 to ensure that your member benefits are not interrupted.

About the GSLC Each Regional Chapter, Special Interest Group, and Specialty Section elects one graduate student member to represent their group in the GSLC. The GSLC Executive Board oversees the Committee, which is comprised of three subcommittees: Communications, Professional Development, and Programming. The purpose of the GSLC is to represent student members within SOT. Student leaders in the GSLC identify and address student needs, facilitate communication and networking, and create opportunities for student engagement. If you are interested in learning more about the GSLC, please visit us at the [graduate student page](#) on the SOT website.

SOT Student and Postdoc members receive one free Special Interest Group and one free Specialty Section membership with their SOT memberships. By using codes SS2026 and SIG2026, you can get additional memberships at discounted rates.

Mentorship and Networking

Opportunities to Connect

Student and Postdoc Mixer Join graduate students and postdocs from around the world at the Graduate Student and Postdoc Mixer! This casual gathering, held during the SOT Annual Meeting and ToxExpo on Sunday, March 22, offers a great opportunity to connect with peers in toxicology. Stay tuned for updates on the [Annual Meeting](#) website.

SOT Mentor Match Program This [program](#) connects trainees with SOT members, recognizing that mentorship in scientific and professional development is essential to graduate student success.

Networking Opportunities The SOT Annual Meeting and ToxExpo provides attendees with multiple opportunities to network at multiple levels. On Monday, March 23, SOT is hosting 'NetworX Night', a large networking event allowing trainees to connect with other toxicologists (no charge to register). On Tuesday, March 24, SOT is additionally hosting a complementary 'Career Exploration through Speed Informational Interviews' session open to graduate student and postdoc attendees, as well as a 'Postdoctoral Luncheon' (\$12 for attendance) exclusive for postdoc attendees. Seating is limited, so be sure to [register](#) ASAP to secure your attendance at these events. ToxExpo attendees are also invited to participate in '[Duck, Duck, GO!](#)' from March 23-25, a fun networking activity allowing participants to learn more about exhibitors at the Annual Meeting.

Career Advancement Opportunities SOT hosts numerous sessions for career advancement throughout the Annual Meeting and ToxExpo for all registrants. On Sunday, March 22, SOT is holding 'Continuing Education Courses' for all registrants for an additional fee, as well as a complimentary 'Sunday Undergraduate Education Program' open to undergraduate students. Additional opportunities include the '*In Vitro* Lecture and Luncheon' (\$10 for attendance) and the 'Trainee Discussion with Opening Plenary Speaker' (free event) for student and postdoc attendees on Monday, March 23. Finally, all SOT members are invited to attend the 'Career Advancement Breakfast' (\$10 per attendee) on March 24, but seating is limited. Be sure to secure your spot at these events [here](#) and check regularly for any updates.

Regional Chapters

SOT Regional Chapters (RCs) foster scientific exchange at a local level. There are 18 Regional Chapters, which host local meetings throughout the year and support awards.

Membership in the Regional Chapters is not restricted to Society members, but the Chapter Presidential Chain (President, President-Elect, Vice President, Vice President-Elect) and Treasurer Chain (Treasurer, Treasurer-Elect) must be SOT members. Other positions in the Regional Chapter Executive Board may require SOT membership based on each chapter's bylaws. Discover which Regional Chapter(s) you could belong to by consulting the [Regional Chapter Map \(also on page 6\)](#).

If you are an SOT member, you may access the [Regional Chapter Online Directory](#) through ToXchange. If you are a member of a Regional Chapter only, you may access [Regional Chapter information](#) through ToXchange or [update your profile](#). To join a Regional Chapter or renew your membership, pay your dues through the [SOT Online Payment System](#).

Regional Chapters

Regional Chapter	Description	Foundation
<u>Allegheny-Erie Regional Chapter</u>	Comprised of members from the tri-state region of Pennsylvania, Ohio, and northern West Virginia.	1988
<u>Central States Regional Chapter</u>	Comprised of members from Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska.	1988
<u>Lake Ontario Regional Chapter</u>	Comprised of members from Ontario, Canada, and western New York.	1986
<u>Lone Star Regional Chapter</u>	Comprised of members from Texas.	1982
<u>Michigan Regional Chapter</u>	Comprised of members from Michigan.	1981
<u>Mid-Atlantic Regional Chapter</u>	Comprised of members from Delaware, central and eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and southern New York.	1981
<u>Midwest Regional Chapter</u>	Comprised of members from Illinois and Wisconsin.	1981
<u>Mountain West Regional Chapter</u>	Comprised of members from Arizona, Colorado, southern Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.	1984
<u>National Capital Area Regional Chapter</u>	Comprised of members from the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia.	1982

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Regional Chapter	Description	Foundation
<u>North Carolina Regional Chapter</u>	Comprised of members from North Carolina.	1981
<u>Northeast Regional Chapter</u>	Comprised of members from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, northern New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont.	1986
<u>Northern California Regional Chapter</u>	Comprised of members from northern California.	1986
<u>Northland Regional Chapter</u>	Comprised of members from Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota.	1998
<u>Ohio Valley Regional Chapter</u>	Comprised of members from Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia.	1984
<u>Pacific Northwest Regional Chapter</u>	Comprised of members from Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington.	1984
<u>South Central Regional Chapter</u>	Comprised of members from Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and western Tennessee.	1982
<u>Southeastern Regional Chapter</u>	Comprised of members from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and Tennessee.	1984
<u>Southern California Regional Chapter</u>	Comprised of members from southern California.	1988

Specialty Sections

Specialty Section	Description	Foundation
<u>Biological Modeling Specialty Section (BMSS)</u>	Focuses on the application of quantitative, mathematical, and computational methods to solve challenges associated with toxicological safety and risk assessment.	2000
<u>Biotechnology Specialty Section (BTSS)</u>	Serves as a hub for all SOT members interested in the toxicological applications for biotechnology.	2009
<u>Carcinogenesis Specialty Section (CSS)</u>	Unites SOT members passionate about fighting cancer using multidisciplinary approaches across the continuum of carcinogenesis.	1986
<u>Cardiovascular Toxicology Specialty Section (CVTSS)</u>	Established to unite and support scientists and students alike in their common endeavors associated with cardiovascular toxicology research.	2009
<u>Clinical and Translational Toxicology Specialty Section (CTTSS)</u>	Brings together members interested in understanding and improving treatments for toxic exposures from drugs, chemicals, and natural toxins.	2011
<u>Comparative Toxicology, Pathology, and Veterinary Specialty Section (CTPVSS)</u>	Serves as the focal point for interaction of SOT members interested in veterinary toxicology, experimental pathology, and the use of <i>in vivo</i> animal models in toxicology.	2020
<u>Computational Toxicology Specialty Section (CTSS)</u>	Serves as a focal point for interaction of SOT members interested in computational toxicology.	2017
<u>Dermal Toxicology Specialty Section (DTSS)</u>	Provides a forum for the interaction of individuals involved in dermal toxicity research.	2000

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Specialty Section	Description	Foundation
<u>Drug Discovery Toxicology Specialty Section (DDTSS)</u>	Provides a forum for discussing emerging technologies, predictive toxicology, safety pharmacology, target validation, and safety assessment in a discovery research environment.	2005
<u>Ethical, Legal, Forensics, and Societal Issues Specialty Section (ELFSI)</u>	Provides a forum to discuss research ethics and the legal and social implications of results from our science as well as issues relating to research integrity and conduct with animals and humans.	2004
<u>Exposure Specialty Section (ESS)</u>	Brings together experts to discuss methods for characterizing chemical exposures through exposomics, biomonitoring, non-targeted screening, high-throughput and fit-for-purpose models, and exposure pathways.	2018
<u>Food Safety Specialty Section (FSSS)</u>	Provides a vehicle where research and critical issues involving food safety and regulations can be communicated.	1993
<u>Immunotoxicology Specialty Section (ITSS)</u>	Serves as a hub for SOT members who conduct research, interpret immunotoxicology data in evaluating safety risks, and contribute to public health assessments and health policy discussions.	1985
<u>In Vitro and Alternative Methods Specialty Section (IVAM)</u>	Unites SOT members that have expertise in the application of <i>in vitro</i> techniques to problems of cellular toxicity with a special emphasis on product safety evaluation.	1995
<u>Inhalation and Respiratory Specialty Section (IRSS)</u>	Provides a focus for SOT members dealing with the impact of airborne chemicals and particles on the body.	1982

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Specialty Section	Description	Foundation
<u>Mechanisms Specialty Section (MechSS)</u>	Represents a diverse group of SOT members who share common interests and expertise in elucidating the cellular, biochemical, and molecular mechanisms of action of toxic substances.	1981
<u>Medical Device and Combination Product Specialty Section (MDCPSS)</u>	Provides a forum for toxicologists to share state-of-the-art knowledge and develop new approaches for the evaluation of medical devices.	2009
<u>Metals Specialty Section (MSS)</u>	Serves as a focal point for SOT members with expertise in all aspects of metal toxicology.	1981
<u>Mixtures Specialty Section (MixSS)</u>	Unites SOT members interested in mixtures toxicology.	2006
<u>Molecular and Systems Biology Specialty Section (MSBSS)</u>	Comprised of toxicologists who apply molecular tools to understand how exposure to chemicals perturbs biology and affects public health and the environment.	1989
<u>Nanoscience and Advanced Materials Specialty Section (NAMSS)</u>	Serves as the focal point for SOT members interested in nanoscience and advanced materials in the lens of nanotoxicology.	2007
<u>Neurotoxicology Specialty Section (NTSS)</u>	Brings together SOT members with shared interests in the adverse effects of chemical, biologic, and physical agents on the structure and function of the nervous system.	1982

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Specialty Section	Description	Foundation
<u>Occupational and Public Health Specialty Section (OPHSS)</u>	Unites SOT members interested in advancing the integration of exposure, toxicological, and epidemiological principles and research approaches in addressing occupational, environmentally-related public health issues.	1997
<u>Ocular Toxicology Specialty Section (OTSS)</u>	Provides a forum for the interaction of toxicologists and other professionals involved in ocular toxicity/toxicology studies.	2008
<u>Regulatory and Safety Evaluation Specialty Section (RSESS)</u>	Promotes the development of sound governmental policies and regulations based on contemporary scientific knowledge arising from the disciplines encompassed by toxicology.	1993
<u>Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology Specialty Section (RDTSS)</u>	Serves as the focal point for the interaction of SOT members interested in the assessment of toxicological effects on the reproductive system, as well as the developing embryo, fetus, and child.	1981
<u>Risk Assessment Specialty Section (RASS)</u>	Provides a forum for SOT members interested in the theory and practice of risk assessment.	1989
<u>Stem Cells Specialty Section (SCSS)</u>	Brings together SOT members interested in toxicological applications of stem cells and stem cell technology.	2010
<u>Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology Specialty Section (SCCT)</u>	Addresses the broader impact of toxicological research to inform decisions that advance safer chemistry throughout the product life cycle.	2020

Special Interest Groups

Specialty Section	Description	Foundation
<u>American Association of Chinese in Toxicology (AACT)</u>	Promotes collaboration, mentoring, and professional growth among toxicologists of Chinese origin.	2004
<u>Arab Toxicologists Association (ATA)</u>	Brings together toxicologists of Arab origin to promote scientific communication, collaboration, and professional advancement.	2019
<u>Association of Scientists of Indian Origin (ASIO)</u>	Encourages scientific interaction among toxicologists of Indian origin..	2006
<u>Hispanic Organization of Toxicologists (HOT)</u>	Supports toxicologists of Hispanic heritage by fostering scientific exchange, education, and collaboration.	2004
<u>Korean Toxicologists Association in America (KTAA)</u>	Connects Korean-origin toxicologists in the U.S. and abroad, fostering professional development and collaboration.	2006
<u>Out Toxicologists and Allies (OTA)</u>	Promotes diversity and inclusivity in toxicology by supporting the professional growth of LGBT+ scientists and their allies through engagement, mentorship, and recognition of scientific excellence	2019
<u>Toxicologists of African Origin (TAO)</u>	Focuses on empowering toxicologists of African descent through mentorship, networking, and community engagement.	2008
<u>Women in Toxicology (WIT)</u>	Promotes the advancement, visibility, and leadership of women in toxicological sciences through mentorship, recognition, and professional development	2001

Award Deadlines

Remaining Special Interest Group Awards

American Association of Chinese in Toxicology	
AACT Best Abstract Awards	December 20, 2025
AACT Jean Lu Student Scholarship Award	December 20, 2025
AACT Best Publication Award	December 20, 2025
Arab Toxicologists Association	
ATA Graduate Student Best Abstract Award	December 31, 2025
Association of Scientists of Indian Origin	
ASIO Dr. Harihara Mehendale Graduate Student Best Abstract Award	December 8, 2025
ASIO Dr. Laxman Desai Graduate Student Best Abstract Award	December 8, 2025
Korean Toxicologists Association in America	
KTAA KIT Best Presentations by Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Trainee Award	December 31, 2025
KTAA Young Soo Choi Student Scholarship Award	December 31, 2025
Out Toxicologists and Allies	
OTA Graduate Student Achievement Award	January 3, 2026
Toxicologists of African Origin	
TAO Student Research Award	December 31, 2025
TAO Student Travel Awards	December 31, 2025
Women in Toxicology	
WIT Celebrating Women in Toxicology Award (Graduate)	December 1, 2025

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Remaining Specialty Section Awards

Biological Modeling Specialty Section	
<u>BMSS Best Paper Award</u>	December 31, 2025
<u>BMSS Best Trainee Abstract Award</u>	December 31, 2025
<u>BMSS Perry J. Gehring Biological Modeling Endowment Award</u>	December 31, 2025
<u>BMSS/RASS Andersen-Clewell Trainee Award</u>	December 31, 2025
Biotechnology Specialty Section	
<u>BTSS Boehringer Ingelheim Award for Excellence in Biotherapeutic Safety</u>	January 8, 2026
<u>BTSS Best Paper Award</u>	January 8, 2026
<u>BTSS Student Achievement Award</u>	January 8, 2026
Carcinogenesis Specialty Section	
<u>CSS Dharm V. Singh Carcinogenesis Graduate Student Endowment Award</u>	January 12, 2026
<u>CSS Environmental Carcinogenesis Merit Award for Graduate Students</u>	January 12, 2026
Cardiovascular Toxicology Specialty Section	
<u>CVTSS Trainee Award</u>	December 15, 2025
Clinical and Translational Toxicology Specialty Section	
<u>CTTSS Graduate Students Research Award</u>	December 2, 2025
Comparative Toxicology, Pathology, and Veterinary Specialty Section	
<u>CTPVSS Best Publication of the Year</u>	December 15, 2025
<u>CTPVSS Roger O. McClellan Student Endowment Award</u>	December 15, 2025
<u>CTPVSS STP Student Award</u>	December 15, 2025

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Remaining Specialty Section Awards

Computational Toxicology Specialty Section	
CTSS Elsevier Postdoctoral Award & CTSS Student Award	December 31, 2025
Dermal Toxicology Specialty Section	
DTSS Annual “Paper of the Year” Award	January 8, 2026
DTSS Edgewell Personal Care Student and Postdoctoral Award	January 8, 2026
Drug Discovery Toxicology Specialty Section	
DDTSS Student Abstract Competition–Annual Meeting	December 29, 2025
Exposure Specialty Section	
ESS Student and Postdoctoral Travel Awards	January 15, 2026
Food Safety Specialty Section	
FSSS Burdock Group Student Scientific Award	January 30, 2026
FSSS Frank C. Lu Graduate Student Award	January 30, 2026
Immunotoxicology Specialty Section	
ITSS Best Presentation by a Student Award	December 12, 2025
ITSS Mitzi and Prakash Nagarkatti Research Excellence in Immunotoxicology Awards	December 12, 2025
In Vitro and Alternative Methods Specialty Section	
IVAM Best Poster Award	February 13, 2026
IVAM Best Paper Award	January 7, 2026
IVAM Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Awards	January 7, 2026
IVAM MB Research Award for Distinction in Practical In Vitro and Alternative Toxicology Methods	February 28, 2026

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Remaining Specialty Section Awards

Inhalation and Respiratory Specialty Section	
<u>IRSS Donald E. Gardner Inhalation Toxicology Education Award</u>	December 1, 2025
<u>IRSS Mary Amdur Student Award</u>	December 1, 2025
<u>IRSS Outstanding Graduate Student Award</u>	December 1, 2025
<u>IRSS Paper of the Year Award</u>	December 1, 2025
<u>IRSS-emka-SCIREQ Special Award for In Vitro/Ex Vivo Exposure to Inhaled Toxicants</u>	December 1, 2025
Mechanisms Specialty Section	
<u>Mech SS Renal Toxicology Award</u>	December 1, 2025
<u>Mech SS Ronald G. Thurman Student Travel Award</u>	December 1, 2025
<u>Mech SS Sheldon D. Murphy Student and Postdoctoral Endowment Award</u>	December 1, 2025
<u>Mech SS/RASS Robert J. Rubin Student Travel Award</u>	December 31, 2025
Medical Device and Combination Product Specialty Section	
<u>MDCPSS Best Overall Abstract Award</u>	January 15, 2026
<u>MDCPSS Early Career Achievement Award</u>	January 15, 2026
<u>MDCPSS Best Poster Award</u>	March 25, 2026
Metals Specialty Section	
<u>MSS Graduate Student/Postdoctoral Research Awards</u>	December 15, 2025
Mixtures Specialty Section	
<u>MixSS Best Student/Postdoc Abstract Awards</u>	January 31, 2026

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Remaining Specialty Section Awards

Molecular and Systems Biology Specialty Section	
MSBSS Graduate Student Research Award	December 5, 2025
MSBSS Paper of the Year Award	December 5, 2025
Nanoscience and Advanced Materials Specialty Section	
NAMSS Best Publication Award	January 7, 2026
NAMSS Outstanding Graduate Student Award	January 7, 2026
Neurotoxicology Specialty Section	
NTSS Toshio Narahashi Neurotoxicology SS Trainee Conference Endowment Award	December 13, 2025
NTSS Toshio Narahashi Graduate Student Poster Competition Award	February 13, 2026
Occupational and Public Health Specialty Section	
OPHSS Best Abstract Award	December 31, 2025
OPHSS Student Travel Award	December 31, 2025
Ocular Toxicology Specialty Section	
OTSS Best Poster Award	March 26, 2026
OTSS Early Career Award	January 15, 2026
Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology Specialty Section	
RDTSS Edward W. Carney Trainee Award	December 2, 2025
RDTSS Best Reproductive/Developmental Toxicology Paper in <i>Toxicological Sciences</i>	December 31, 2025
RDTSS Student/Postdoc Awards	February 1, 2026

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Remaining Specialty Section Awards

Risk Assessment Specialty Section	
RASS John Doull Risk Assessment Endowment Award	December 31, 2025
RASS Perry J. Gehring Best Graduate Student Abstract Risk Assessment Endowment Award	December 31, 2025
Stem Cells Specialty Section	
SCSS Excellence in Research Awards	January 7, 2026
Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology Specialty Section	
SCCTSS Best Abstract Graduate Student Award	January 9, 2026

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