

SOT STUDENT E-LETTER



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Letter from the GSLC Chair

With the 2025 SOT Annual Meeting and ToxExpo this month, there are numerous opportunities to get involved in the Society. The SOT Graduate Student Leadership Committee (GSLC) aims to enrich graduate student experiences by connecting trainees with networking, mentorship, and leadership opportunities in addition to scientific programming. At the Annual Meeting, the GSLC will be hosting the Student & Postdoctoral Scholar Mixer on Sunday, March 16. The Chat with an Expert program is making a return this year which coordinates expert mentor-trainee mentee matches. The ToxBuddy Program is a new program that will coordinate peer-peer matching for trainees attending SOT for the first time.

Connecting with toxicologists from all sectors, building community for trainees, and engaging in leadership opportunities are just a few of the benefits of becoming actively involved in SOT as a member of the GSLC. Elections for Specialty Sections, Special Interest Groups, and Regional Chapters take place on an annual basis, and I would encourage members to consider self-nominating for the elected role of Graduate Student Representative when Component Groups call for applicants. Watch your inbox for special events, meetings, or calls for candidates from Component Groups you are

currently a member of or contact your current Graduate Student Representative if you are interested in learning more about getting involved!

This edition of our GSLC newsletter highlights upcoming award deadlines and GSLC activities. Please read the newsletter, share it with your friends and fellow trainees, and leverage the many resources available through SOT to support your graduate student career.

I hope to see you at the 2025 SOT Annual Meeting and ToXExpo in Orlando, FL!

Marisol Arellano

Chair, SOT Graduate Student Leadership Committee (2024-2025)

GSLC Communications Update

Newsletters and Blogs

As an SOT student member, you have access to news, articles, and important announcements. Throughout the year two e-letters are available to students; one in Fall and the other one in Spring. Other communications which are not included in these student e-letters will appear as [ToXchange posts](#). The updates are sent to the email address that you have registered with SOT. If you miss any of the email updates, they are stored the ToXchange community for viewing at any time.

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

"Interview with an Expert" podcast series and other 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 the 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 mor

Student and Post-Doc Mixer

Come meet fellow graduate students and post-docs from around the world at the graduate student and post-doc mixer! This informal event takes place at SOT's Annual Meeting (Sunday March 16th) and provides an opportunity for you to meet other graduate students in toxicology. Updates on this event will be communicated via the [Annual Meeting](#) website.

SOT Mentor Match Program

Mentoring in scientific and professional development is critical for success as a graduate student. This [program](#) aims to match trainees with SOT members and culminates with the [Mentoring Breakfast](#) March 18th at the Annual meeting.

Graduate Student Resources

Take advantage of your student membership! Find opportunities for awards, leadership, volunteer work, and training support at 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, as well as access the contact information of other student members!

Award and Role Opportunities

Graduate Student Awards

Awards or travel support for Specialty Sections, Regional Chapters and Special Interests

Groups can be found at [this link](#). Be sure to plan for Awards starting for the 2026 SOT Annual Meeting.

- ✓ You can sort the awards by deadline date to help organize prioritization of award completion for applications.
- ✓ Many of the awards require pending/accepted SOT meeting abstracts, cover letters, CVs, letter of support from the advisor/PI. Other applications require extra documentation, be sure to read through the application process before applying.

Graduate Intern Fellowship in Toxicology (GIFT)

This program is administered by the Education and Career Development Committee to enable doctoral students to pursue a toxicology internship to advance their professional and scientific development.

- ✓ The recipient can receive up to \$3,000 each (can be used for travel, housing, or stipends). Interested applicants can find more information at [this link](#).
- ✓ Internships must last for at least six consecutive weeks between May and August.

Supplemental Training for Education Programs (STEP)

This program addresses diversity in preparation for graduate students entering the workforce. The program provides monetary support for graduate students wanting to pursue training in identified areas of professional/scientific development that is outside the immediate scope of their graduate training and research program.

- ✓ Applicants are encouraged to participate in workshops or events that address unmet needs from their home institution. Applicants can receive up to \$1,000 for travel and registration.
- ✓ Application deadlines are April 15 and September 23. Interested applicants can find more information at [this link](#).

Career Development Resources

Job Bank

Are you on the job market or approaching the end of your graduate studies? Be sure to check out the Job Bank on SOT's website. The Job Bank houses a wide variety of professional opportunities for toxicologists, ranging from industry to government to academia positions. The best part... the search service is free to all SOT student members! [Make sure you visit this useful resource!](#)

Not quite at the end of your degree yet? Check out the [Internship Resources](#) page for internship opportunities to gain real-world experience.

Professional Development Webinars

SOT offers many career development webinars throughout the year, many of which are geared towards graduate students. These events are sponsored by the SOT Career Resource and Development Committee and provide valuable career guidance to SOT members. We invite you to attend these webinars to learn more about future career options as well as professional tips. Past webinars can be accessed [here](#), and future webinars are announced through the ToXchange email, so be sure your contact information is up-to-date in your SOT membership profile!

Mentorship Programs and Events at SOT 2025

The annual [Chat with an Expert Program](#) will be running again at SOT 2025! Graduate Students signed up to be included in small groups of graduate students and/or postdoctoral scholars to meet with an expert in various fields of toxicology. More than 80 matches of trainees and experts were made for the 2025 SOT Annual Meeting! Be sure to watch for sign-ups for the 2026 SOT Annual Meeting in January.

Many different SOT Specialty Sections and Special Interest Groups are hosting mentoring events during the SOT Annual Meeting in Orlando. Search “mentoring” in the 2025 SOT Annual Meeting App or [Online Planner](#) to find out more about the wide variety of mentoring events that might be right for you.

Student Membership Information

Not a Member? [Apply today!](#) Already a Student member of SOT, then [renew your dues online](#).

As a student member you will gain access to ToXchange, the [SOT Online Job Bank](#), and student award information. You will be a part of a larger community of scientists and gain eligibility for student leadership positions. Membership in SOT facilitates communication that can open the door for new research collaborations. It also is a great way to network with future employers!

Annual Meeting News

The 64th SOT Annual Meeting & ToxExpo (March 16-20, 2025) will be held in person in Orlando, Florida.

The program this year will include [Add-on events](#) to your registration:

- Continuing Education Courses (March 16th)
- Student/Postdoctoral Mixer (March 16th)
- SOT Mentoring Breakfast (March 18th)
- In vitro Lecture and Luncheon (March 17th)
- Trainee Discussion with Opening Plenary Speaker (March 17th)
- Career Exploration through Speed Informational interviews (March 18th)

For more information on the 64th SOT Annual Meeting and ToxExpo click [here](#).

The GSLC Community

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. The committee includes 3 subcommittees: Communications, Professional Development, and Programming. The GSLC was created to provide student leadership at the national SOT level. Our job is to address the needs of students in the Society and to promote student participation and membership. If you are interested in learning more about the GSLC, please visit us at the [graduate student page](#) on the SOT website.

Meet the GSLC Executive Board



GSLC Chair

Marisol Arellano
UCLA School of Public Health
Molecular Toxicology
Interdepartmental Graduate
Program

Fun Fact: "I attended my first international conference in Switzerland. It was a fantastic learning experience, and I would encourage trainees to seek out funding opportunities to attend a conference abroad that aligns with their research interests and career goals."



GSLC Secretary

Catherine Melissa Rojas
Rutgers University

Fun fact: I performed in the Super Bowl XLVIII halftime show.



Professional Development SC Chair

Johnathan Lin
University of Texas
Medical Branch

Fun Fact: "I enjoy folding origami out of dollar bills."



Programming SC Chair

Giselle Sanchez Guerrero
University of Kansas Medical Center
Pharmacology, Toxicology &
Therapeutics Department

Fun Fact: "Saturday mornings are my chill time, perfect for diving into some anime!"



Programming SC Secretary

Hannah B Lovins
The Ohio State University

Fun Fact: I had a pet nurse shark named Pickles when I was little!



Communications SC Chair

Beck Kim
New York University

Fun Fact: I love going fishing!



Communications SC Secretary

Ishita Virmani
Medical University Innsbruck



Council Contact

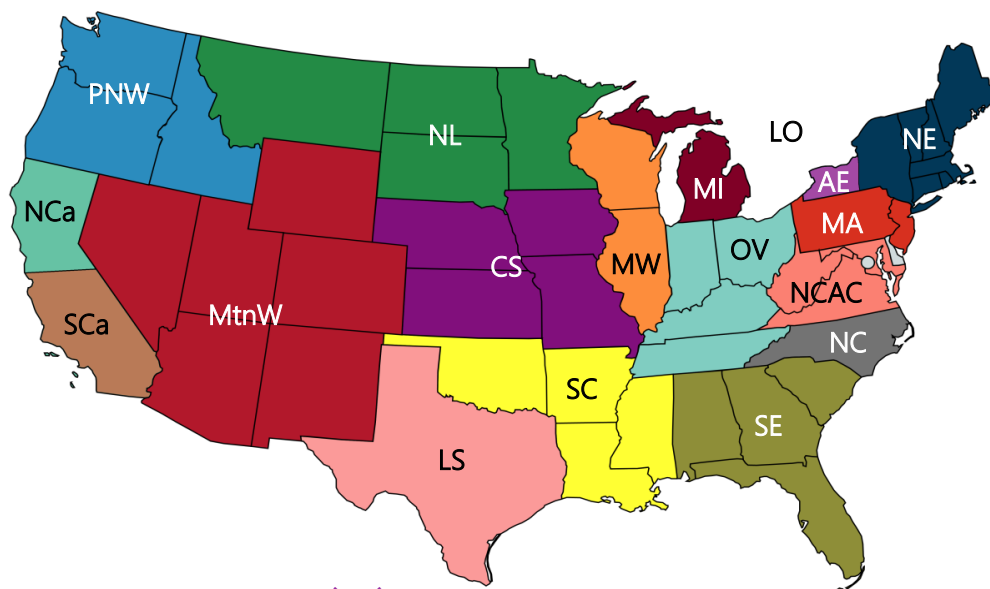
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Pharmacy

Regional and Specialty Groups

There are 18 [Regional Chapters](#), 29 [Specialty Sections](#), and 8 [Special Interest Groups](#) within SOT, and joining them is a great way to network and learn. Click on the links and get involved in the groups that interest you!

Become Involved in Your Regional Chapter (RC)

There are 18 RCs within the SOT whose purpose is to foster scientific exchange at the local level. These chapters sponsor regional meetings throughout the year that offer exceptional scientific programs, renowned speakers, and opportunities for student involvement in poster and seminar sessions. Additionally, RCs provide an invaluable tool to network with individuals who have careers in academia, government, and industry positions within those specific regions of the United States. Also be sure check out the [poster, seminar and travel AWARDS](#) that are given annually to dedicated and gifted student regional members!



Participate In Specialty Sections (SS)

There are 29 SSs within the SOT designed to bring together scientists of similar interests, expertise, and experience. The SSs are primary sponsors of many of the programmatic sessions during the SOT Annual Meeting. Students are encouraged to join a SS because such groups provide students with opportunities for future employment and collaborations, as well as providing a platform for students to suggest scientific sessions and symposia for the Annual Meeting. As a student member of SOT, your first SS membership is free. The SSs encourage student involvement by providing funds for competitive student travel awards and best abstract awards that recognize their accomplishments. Learn more by [visiting their homepage](#).

Participate In Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

SOT has established 8 SIGs to promote the recruitment of toxicologists who share a common interest in toxicological research. As a student member of SOT, your first SIG membership is free. The goals of these 8 groups are to develop and conduct programs and opportunities that promote career development and recognize accomplishments of the toxicologists in each SIG. Learn more about the workshops, seminars, and student awards by [visiting their homepage](#).

Graduate Student Awards and Due Dates!

While the deadline for many SOT Awards for the 2025 SOT Annual Meeting has passed, it is never too early to start planning for your awards submissions for the 2026 SOT Annual Meeting. Many awards have similar deadlines from year to year, so be sure to review the award deadline listing below to get a sense of when many SOT Awards have deadlines so that you can prepare your submissions and help support your travel to the meeting and receive the recognition that your research deserves!

| Graduate Student Awards | Due Date |
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| MixSS Jane Ellen Simmons SOT Travel Award | 11/13/2024 |
| Mech SS Carl C. Smith Graduate Student Award | 11/15/2024 |
| RSESS Graduate Student Excellence Award | 11/15/2024 |
| IRSS Donald E. Gardner Inhalation Toxicology Education Award | 12/01/2024 |
| IRSS Mary Amdur Student Award | 12/01/2024 |
| IRSS Outstanding Graduate Student Award | 12/01/2024 |
| IRSS Paper of the Year Award | 12/01/2024 |
| IRSS-emka-SCIREQ Special Award for In Vitro/Ex Vivo Exposure to Inhaled Toxicants | 12/01/2024 |
| Mech SS Renal Toxicology Award | 12/01/2024 |
| Mech SS Ronald G. Thurman Student Travel Award | 12/01/2024 |
| Mech SS Sheldon D. Murphy Student and Postdoctoral Endowment Award | 12/01/2024 |
| WIT Celebrating Women in Toxicology Award (Graduate) | 12/01/2024 |
| WIT Vera W. Hudson and Elizabeth K. Weisburger Scholarship Fund Student Award | 12/01/2024 |
| CTTSS Graduate Students Research Award | 12/02/2024 |
| MRC/SOT Undergraduate/Graduate/Postdoc Travel Award | 12/02/2024 |
| RDTSS Edward W. Carney Trainee Award | 12/02/2024 |
| NLSOT Graduate Student Travel Award | 12/05/2024 |
| MSBSS Graduate Student Research Award | 12/06/2024 |
| MSBSS Paper of the Year Award | 12/06/2024 |
| PANWAT Andreasen Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship | 12/06/2024 |
| ASIO Dr. Harihara Mehendale Graduate Student Best Abstract Award | 12/08/2024 |
| ASIO Dr. Laxman Desai Graduate Student Best Abstract Award | 12/08/2024 |
| NESOT Paper of the Year Award | 12/09/2024 |
| NESOT Student Travel Award for SOT Annual Meeting | 12/09/2024 |
| MSS Graduate Student/Postdoctoral Research Awards | 12/15/2024 |
| AACT and InnoStar Best Abstract Awards | 12/20/2024 |
| AACT Jean Lu Student Scholarship Award | 12/20/2024 |
| AACT SAFE Best Publication Award | 12/20/2024 |
| ITSS Best Presentation by a Student Award | 12/20/2024 |
| ITSS Mitzi and Prakash Nagarkatti Research Excellence in Immunotoxicology Awards | 12/20/2024 |
| DDTSS Student Poster Competition-Annual Meeting | 12/29/2024 |
| CTPVSS Best Publication of the Year | 12/30/2024 |
| CTPVSS Charles River Award | 12/30/2024 |
| CTPVSS Roger O. McClellan Student Award | 12/30/2024 |
| CTPVSS STP Student Award | 12/30/2024 |

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| Zoetis-CTPVSS Graduate Student Award | 12/30/2024 |
| Zoetis-CTPVSS Veterinary and Postdoctoral Trainee Award | 12/30/2024 |
| BMSS Best Paper Award | 12/31/2024 |
| BMSS Best Trainee Abstract Award | 12/31/2024 |
| BMSS Perry J. Gehring Biological Modeling Endowment Award | 12/31/2024 |
| BMSS/RASS Andersen-Clewell Trainee Award | 12/31/2024 |
| CTSS Elsevier Postdoctoral Award & CTSS Student Award | 12/31/2024 |
| KTAA KIT Best Presentations by Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Trainee Award | 12/31/2024 |
| KTAA Young Soo Choi Student Scholarship Award | 12/31/2024 |
| Mech SS/RASS Robert J. Rubin Student Travel Award | 12/31/2024 |
| OPHSS Best Abstract Award | 12/31/2024 |
| OPHSS Student Travel Award | 12/31/2024 |
| RASS John Doull Risk Assessment Endowment Award | 12/31/2024 |
| RASS Perry. J Gehring Best Graduate Student Abstract Risk Assessment Endowment Award | 12/31/2024 |
| RDTSS Best Reproductive/Developmental Toxicology Paper in Toxicological Sciences | 12/31/2024 |
| TAO Student Research Award | 12/31/2024 |
| TAO Student Travel Awards | 12/31/2024 |
| NorCal SOT Graduate Student Achievement Award | 1/03/2025 |
| OTA Graduate Student Achievement Award | 1/03/2025 |
| IVAM Best Paper Award | 1/05/2025 |
| IVAM Best Poster Award | 1/05/2025 |
| IVAM Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Awards | 1/05/2025 |
| FSSS Burdock Group Student Scientific Award | 1/06/2025 |
| FSSS Frank C. Lu Graduate Student Award | 1/06/2025 |
| NTSS Toshio Narahashi Neurotoxicology SS Trainee Conference Endowment Award | 1/07/2025 |
| SCSS Excellence in Research Awards | 1/07/2025 |
| ATA Graduate Student Best Abstract Award | 1/08/2025 |
| BTSS Boehringer Ingelheim Award for Excellence in Biotherapeutic Safety | 1/08/2025 |
| DTSS Annual "Paper of the Year" Award | 1/08/2025 |
| DTSS Edgewell Personal Care Student and Postdoctoral Award | 1/08/2025 |
| DTSS Stratacor Postdoctoral Award | 1/08/2025 |
| BTSS Best Paper Award | 1/09/2025 |
| NAMSS Best Publication Award | 1/10/2025 |
| NAMSS Outstanding Graduate Student Award | 1/10/2025 |
| NCAC-SOT Bern Schwetz Travel Award | 1/10/2025 |
| CSS Dharm V. Singh Carcinogenesis Graduate Student Endowment Award | 1/12/2025 |
| CSS Environmental Carcinogenesis Merit Award for Graduate Students | 1/12/2025 |
| CVTSS Trainee Award | 1/13/2025 |
| ESS Student and Postdoctoral Travel Awards | 1/15/2025 |
| OTSS Best Poster Award | 1/15/2025 |
| OTSS Early Career Award | 1/15/2025 |
| BTSS Student Achievement Award | 1/17/2025 |
| MDCPSS Best Overall Abstract Award | 1/22/2025 |
| MDCPSS Early Career Achievement Award | 1/22/2025 |
| A-E SOT Regional Chapter Student Travel Award | 1/31/2025 |
| MixSS Best Student/Postdoc Abstract Awards | 1/31/2025 |

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| SCCTSS Best Abstract Graduate Student Award | 1/31/2025 |
| RTSS Student/Postdoc Awards | 2/01/2025 |
| Outstanding Graduate Student Leadership Award | 2/08/2025 |
| NTSS Toshio Narahashi Graduate Student Poster Competition Award | 2/14/2025 |
| Graduate Intern Fellowship in Toxicology Award (GIFT) | 2/15/2025 |
| IVAM MB Research Award for Distinction in Practical In Vitro and Alternative Toxicology Methods | 2/28/2025 |
| MDCPSS Best Poster Award | 3/23/2025 |
| A-E SOT Maryanne Stock Student Research Award | 4/01/2025 |
| Diversity Initiatives Career Development Award | 4/15/2025 |
| Supplemental Training for Education Program (STEP) | 4/15/2025 |
| MRC/SOT Young Investigator Award | 4/19/2025 |
| Mehendale Welcome Award | 5/30/2025 |