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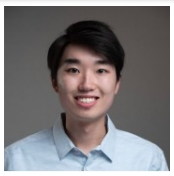
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A Letter from the GSLC Chair



Connect. Contribute. Grow.

Dear Graduate Students,

Welcome, new and current graduate students! As chair of the Graduate Student Leadership Committee (GSLC), I am excited to share all of the new initiatives and volunteer opportunities for trainees! Our time in graduate school is a great time to develop a professional network, practice scientific communication skills, and establish relationships with mentors and peers outside of your university. If you are looking to become more involved in SOT, look no further than the GSLC! During the Annual Meeting, we provide opportunities for trainees to volunteer to work with undergraduate students and other graduate students, as well as to chat with experts in the field.

In this issue of our GSLC newsletter, we highlight volunteer opportunities for current and future graduate students, upcoming deadlines for awards, and ways to get involved at SOT! If you are interested in becoming a member of the GSLC, I urge you to save this Fall newsletter and use it as a guide for applying to graduate student representative positions.

I encourage you to pay special attention to SOT notifications about upcoming Webinars hosted by the Professional Development Subcommittee, as well as volunteer opportunities at the Annual Meeting from the Communications Subcommittee. Please reach out with any questions about getting involved (sothq@toxicology.org). Remember, graduate school is a great time to get involved and acquire skills to help you with your future career!

Warm regards,
Evangeline Scott
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GET INVOLVED THIS FALL

- Volunteer opportunities • Awards • Webinars • GSLC service

General Reminders

Abstract Submission for the 2027 SOT Annual Meeting and ToxExpo will be open August 15-November 13, 2026!

The SOT award season for 2027 is now open! Within this newsletter, you'll find the deadlines for awards open to graduate students. For more information, visit the SOT Awards Page.

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 the "My Community" tab in ToXchange. The tab titled Blogs has all GSLC blog posts.

Webinars and Other Events: Find webinars under the "Graduate Student-Focused Webinars tab on the SOT Webinars Page. Missed **Discovering SOT: A Guide for Trainee Involvement?** Watch the recording to explore ways to get involved.

Regional Chapter meetings offer opportunities to present your research through posters or flash talks and connect with fellow toxicologists. Check the official Calendar of Events for meeting dates and details!

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 latest discussions, see scheduled events, access the library with past *E-Letters*, and access the contact information of other student members.

Student Membership Information

SOT Membership & 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 world's preeminent toxicology society. 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 2026 applications are as follows:

Application Deadline	Committee Reviews	Notification
September 30, 2026	October	November
December 31, 2026	January	February

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 at the SOT level. 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.

Annual Meeting News

LET'S MEET IN SAN ANTONIO!

SOT SAN ANTONIO MARCH 14–17

The **66th SOT Annual Meeting & ToxExpo** (March 14–17, 2027) will be held in person in San Antonio, Texas.

Abstract submissions are due **November 13** at 11:59 pm (US EST, UTC-5), and there is a fee of $70 per abstract submission.

The program will include **add-on events** to your registration:

- Continuing Education Courses (Sunday, March 14)
- Student/Postdoctoral Mixer (Sunday, March 14)
- *In Vitro* Lecture and Luncheon (Monday, March 15)
- Trainee Discussion with Opening Plenary Speaker (Monday, March 15)
- NetworX Night (Monday, March 15)
- Career Exploration through Speed Informational Interviews (Tuesday, March 16)
- Career Advancement Breakfast (Tuesday, March 16)

Deadlines for registration include:

- Early Bird Registration: January 22, 2027
- Standard Registration: January 23–February 19, 2027
- Final Registration: after February 19, 2027

For more information on the 66th SOT Annual Meeting and ToxExpo, click here.

Looking Ahead: Future Award Opportunities

Some award deadlines have passed. Kindly consider these opportunities for the next application cycle

Award Deadlines

SOT Awards

Award	Description	Deadline
Supplemental Training for Education Program (STEP)	SOT recognizes that supplemental training experiences can help graduate students develop the skills needed to enter the modern toxicology workforce. The Supplemental Training for Education Program (STEP) provides funding up to $1,000 to cover costs for additional toxicology training that addresses the student's identified skill gap.	September 30, 2026 Deadline passed April 30, 2027
Experiential Opportunities Career Development (EOCD) Award	The Experiential Opportunities Career Development (EOCD) Award provides funding of at least $1,000 to those from groups underrepresented in the sciences who are undergraduate and graduate students, and persons in their first year of a formal postbaccalaureate research position, to engage in additional education and career development opportunities to enhance their professional development towards a career in toxicology or a related field.	September 30, 2026 Deadline passed April 30, 2027
Graduate Intern Fellowship in Toxicology Award (GIFT)	SOT recognizes that diverse training experiences can help graduate students develop the skills needed to successfully enter the modern toxicology workforce. The Graduate Intern Fellowship in Toxicology (GIFT) provides up to $3,000 to cover costs to enable graduate students to obtain experience not normally included in graduate training.	February 15, 2027
Bristol Myers Squibb Graduate Student Research Training Award to Promote Diversity in Toxicology	The purpose of the Bristol Myers Squibb Award for Graduate Student Research in Toxicology is to supplement the resources available to academic laboratories hosting and supporting Black/African American, Latinx/Hispanic American, or Indigenous American graduate students to conduct their research and training.	October 9, 2026 Deadline passed
Graduate Student Travel Support	Travel support for the SOT Annual Meeting is provided to graduate students who are PhD candidates in toxicology at the time of the Annual Meeting for which they are applying for travel support.	October 9, 2026 Deadline passed

Award Deadlines

SOT Awards

Award	Description	Deadline
Colgate-Palmolive Award for Student Research Training in Alternative Methods	The purpose of the Colgate-Palmolive Award for Student Research Training in Alternative Methods is to enhance graduate student research training using *in vitro* methods or alternative techniques to replace the use of animals in toxicological research. The award provides a budget of up to $3,750 to defray travel, per diem, training expenses, and research costs	October 9, 2026 Deadline passed
Pfizer Graduate Fellowship Award	The purpose of the Pfizer Graduate Fellowship Award is to provide a $36,000 stipend for a student toward the end of their graduate training to support their outstanding research related to science and innovation in translational toxicology research.	October 9, 2026 Deadline passed
Perry J. Gehring Diversity Student Travel Award	The Perry J. Gehring Diversity Student Travel Award recognizes an undergraduate or graduate student who was previously selected to participate in the SOT Undergraduate Development Program, who is Black or African American, Hispanic or Latinx, American Indian or Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, and is presenting an abstract at the upcoming SOT Annual Meeting. Award recipient(s) will receive a plaque and travel stipend to assist in defraying expenses for travel, lodging, and meals at the meeting.	October 16, 2026 Deadline passed
Mehendale Welcome Award	The goal of the Mehendale Welcome Award is to financially assist international graduate students newly accepted in a biomedical scientific research program, with preference to those enrolling in a toxicology program, while they are adjusting to a new country (e.g., USA).	May 30, 2027

Award Deadlines

Special Interest Group Awards

American Association of Chinese in Toxicology (AACT)	
AACT Cell Biologics Best Abstract Awards	December 20, 2026
AACT Jean Lu Student Scholarship Award	December 20, 2026
AACT Best Publication Award	December 20, 2026
Arab Toxicologists Association (ATA)	
ATA Best Publication Award	December 31, 2026
ATA Dr. Burhan Ghanayem Outstanding Graduate Research Award	December 31, 2026
ATA Graduate Student Best Abstract Award	December 31, 2026
Association of Scientists of Indian Origin (ASIO)	
ASIO Toxikon, A Preclinical Toxicology Organization; and Dr. Dharm Singh Association of Scientists of Indian Origin International Travel Award	November 13, 2026
ASIO Best Paper Award	November 13, 2026
ASIO Dr. Harihara Mehendale Graduate Student Best Abstract Award	November 13, 2026
ASIO Dr. Laxman Desai Graduate Student Best Abstract Award	November 13, 2026
ASIO Toxikon, A Preclinical Toxicology Organization; and Dr. Dharm Singh Association of Scientists of Indian Origin International Travel Award	November 13, 2026
Hispanic Organization of Toxicologists (HOT)	
HOT Travel Award	January 11, 2027
Korean Toxicologists Association in America (KTAA)	
KTAA KIT Best Presentations by Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Trainee Award	December 31, 2026
KTAA Young Soo Choi Student Scholarship Award	December 31, 2026
KTAA Tae-Won Kim Travel Scholarship Award	December 31, 2026

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Special Interest Group Awards

Out Toxicologists and Allies (OTA)	
OTA Graduate Student Achievement Award	January 3, 2027
Toxicologists of African Origin (TAO)	
TAO Student Travel Awards	December 31, 2026
Women in Toxicology (WIT)	
WIT Celebrating Women in Toxicology Award (Graduate)	December 1, 2026
WIT Vera W. Hudson and Elizabeth K. Weisburger Scholarship Fund Student Award	December 1, 2026
WIT Best Manuscript Award	December 1, 2026

Award Deadlines
Specialty Section Awards

Biological Modeling Specialty Section	
BMSS Best Paper Award	December 31, 2026
BMSS Best Trainee Abstract Award	December 31, 2026
BMSS Perry J. Gehring Biological Modeling Endowment Award	December 31, 2026
BMSS/RASS Andersen-Clewell Trainee Award	December 31, 2026
Biotechnology Specialty Section	
BTSS Best Paper Award	January 8, 2027
BTSS Boehringer Ingelheim Award for Excellence in Biotherapeutic Safety	January 8, 2027
BTSS Student Achievement Award	January 8, 2027
Carcinogenesis Specialty Section	
CSS Dharm V. Singh Carcinogenesis Graduate Student Endowment Award	January 12, 2027
CSS Environmental Carcinogenesis Merit Award for Graduate Students	January 12, 2027
Cardiovascular Toxicology Specialty Section	
CVTSS Impact Award	December 15, 2026
CVTSS Trainee Award	December 15, 2026

Award Deadlines
Specialty Section Awards

Clinical and Translational Toxicology Specialty Section	
CTTSS Graduate Students Research Award	December 2, 2026
Comparative Toxicology, Pathology, and Veterinary Specialty Section	
CTPVSS Best Publication of the Year	December 15, 2026
CTPVSS Roger O. McClellan Student Endowment Award	December 15, 2026
CTPVSS STP Student Award	December 15, 2026
Zoetis-CTPVSS Graduate Student Award	December 15, 2026
Zoetis-CTPVSS Veterinary and Postdoctoral Trainee Award	December 15, 2026
Computational Toxicology Specialty Section	
CTSS Paper of the Year Award	December 31, 2026
CTSS Top 10 Best SOT-CTSS Abstract Award	December 31, 2026
CTSS Yves Alarie Diversity Award for Trainees and Young Investigators	December 1, 2026
Dermal Toxicology Specialty Section	
DTSS Annual "Paper of the Year" Award	January 8, 2027
DTSS Combe Personal Care Trainee Award	January 8, 2027
DTSS Edgewell Personal Care Student Award	January 8, 2027
DTSS RIFM Trainee Travel Award	January 1, 2027
DTSS Taylor & Francis Award for Outstanding Paper in Dermal Toxicology	January 8, 2027

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Specialty Section Awards

Drug Discovery Toxicology Specialty Section	
DDTSS Paper of the Year Award	December 15, 2026
DDTSS Student Abstract Competition-Annual Meeting	December 29, 2026
Exposure Specialty Section	
ESS Best Overall Abstract	January 15, 2027
ESS Best Publication	January 15, 2027
ESS Student and Postdoctoral Travel Awards	January 15, 2027
Food Safety Specialty Section	
FSSS Frank C. Lu Graduate Student Award	January 30, 2027
Immunotoxicology Specialty Section	
ITSS Best Paper of the Year Award	December 14, 2026
ITSS Best Presentation by a Student Award	December 14, 2026
ITSS HESI Immunotoxicology Young Investigator Travel Award	December 14, 2026
ITSS Mitzi and Prakash Nagarkatti Research Excellence in Immunotoxicology Awards	December 14, 2026

Award Deadlines
Specialty Section Awards

In Vitro and Alternative Methods Specialty Section	
IVAM Best Paper Award	January 8, 2027
IVAM Best Poster Award	February 12, 2027
IVAM Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Awards	January 8, 2027
Inhalation and Respiratory Specialty Section	
IRSS Donald E. Gardner Inhalation Toxicology Education Award	December 1, 2026
IRSS Mary Amdur Student Award	December 1, 2026
IRSS Paper of the Year Award	December 1, 2026
IRSS Outstanding Graduate Student Award	December 1, 2026
IRSS-emka-SCIREQ Special Award for *In Vitro*/*Ex Vivo* Exposure to Inhaled Toxicants	December 1, 2026

Award Deadlines
Specialty Section Awards

Mechanisms Specialty Section	
Mech SS Carl C. Smith Graduate Student Award	November 13, 2026
Mech SS Renal Toxicology Award	December 1, 2027
Mech SS/RASS Robert J. Rubin Student Travel Award	December 31, 2026
Mech SS Ronald G. Thurman Student Travel Award	December 1, 2026
Mech SS Sheldon D. Murphy Student and Postdoctoral Endowment Award	December 1, 2026
Medical Device and Combination Product Specialty Section	
MDCPSS Best Overall Abstract Award	January 15, 2027
MDCPSS Best Poster Award	March 25, 2027
MDCPSS Best Published Paper Award	January 15, 2027
MDCPSS Early Career Achievement Award	January 15, 2027
Metals Specialty Section	
MSS Graduate Student/Postdoctoral Research Awards	December 15, 2026
MSS MDPI Metals Speciality Section Trainee Paper of the Year Award	December 15, 2026

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Specialty Section Awards

Mixtures Specialty Section	
MixSS Jane Ellen Simmons SOT Travel Award	November 13, 2026
MixSS Best Student/Postdoc Abstract Awards	January 31, 2027
Molecular and Systems Biology Specialty Section	
MSBSS Graduate Student Research Award	December 4, 2026
MSBSS Paper of the Year Award	December 4, 2026
Nanoscience and Advanced Materials Specialty Section	
NAMSS Best Publication Award	January 7, 2027
NAMSS Outstanding Graduate Student Award	January 7, 2027
Neurotoxicology Specialty Section	
NTSS Toshio Narahashi Neurotoxicology SS Trainee Conference Endowment Award	November 13, 2026
NTSS Toshio Narahashi Graduate Student Poster Competition Award	January 20, 2027

Award Deadlines
Specialty Section Awards

Occupational and Public Health Specialty Section	
OPHSS Best Abstract Award	December 31, 2026
OPHSS Best Manuscript Award	December 31, 2026
OPHSS Paper of the Year Award	December 31, 2026
OPHSS Student Travel Award	December 31, 2026
Ocular Toxicology Specialty Section	
OTSS Taylor & Francis Award for Outstanding Paper in Ocular Toxicology	January 15, 2027
OTSS Best Poster Award	March 1, 2027
OTSS I2 Award (Innovation and Impact)	January 15, 2027
OTSS Trainee and Early Career Award	March 19, 2027
Regulatory and Safety Evaluation Specialty Section	
RSESS Best Paper of the Year Award	December 3, 2026
RSESS Three-Minute Thesis (TMT) Award	December 3, 2026
RSESS Graduate Student Excellence Award	December 3, 2026
RSESS Outstanding Contribution to Regulatory and Safety Evaluation Award	December 3, 2026

Award Deadlines
Specialty Section Awards

Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology Specialty Section	
RDTSS Best Reproductive/Developmental Toxicology Paper in *Toxicological Sciences*	December 31, 2026
RDTSS Edward W. Carney Trainee Award	December 2, 2026
RDTSS Student and Postdoctoral Awards	February 1, 2027
Risk Assessment Specialty Section	
RASS Best Overall Abstract Award	December 31, 2026
RASS Best Published Paper Advancing the Science of Risk Assessment Award	December 31, 2026
RASS Best Published Paper Demonstrating an Application of Risk Assessment Award	December 31, 2026
RASS John Doull Risk Assessment Endowment Award	December 31, 2026
RASS Perry J Gehring Best Graduate Student Abstract Risk Assessment Endowment Award	December 31, 2026
Mech SS/RASS Robert J Rubin Student Travel Award	December 31, 2026
BMSS/RASS Andersen-Clewell Trainee Award	December 31, 2026
Stem Cells Specialty Section	
SCSS Excellence in Research Awards	January 31, 2027
Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology Specialty Section	
SCCTSS Best Abstract Graduate Student Award	January 9, 2027

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