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Letter from the GSLC Chair

Graduate school is a perfect opportunity to explore new opportunities, develop your professional network and map out your career path. SOT offers so much more than simply presenting your research at the National meeting. In our Society, there are numerous opportunities to network, establish mentors outside your university, and to take on leadership roles in SOT. For example, SOT offers a Mentor Match program which, depending on your interest, can connect you with a mentor from industry, government, consulting, or academia. If you are looking to become involved in SOT and do not know where to start, feel free to email me directly, as we are always looking for hardworking, enthusiastic graduate students to ensure the continued success of the GSLC.

In this edition of our GSLC newsletter, we highlight upcoming deadlines for awards and our recent efforts to serve the larger graduate student body. We provide an exhaustive list of award deadlines from our 29 specialty sections and 8 special interest groups. I urge all graduate students to save this Fall newsletter and use it as a handy reference to keep track of all the opportunities available to us as graduate students. Remember, graduate school is more akin to an apprenticeship than school—use it as an opportunity to acquire skills that are meaningful and useful to you in your future career.

David Umbaugh
Chair, Graduate Student Leadership Committee (2022-2023)

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 recent blogs published by members of the Communications Subcommittee, such as "[How to Choose the Right Lab](#)" and "[How to Write a Compelling Conference Abstract](#)".

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 more...

Student and Postdoc Mixer

Come meet fellow graduate students and postdocs from around the world at the graduate student and postdoc mixer! This informal event takes place at SOT's Annual Meeting (Sunday, March 19 at 7:30 pm) 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.

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-letter and 3MT news, 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 Interest Groups can be found at [this link](#).

- ✓ You can sort the awards by deadline date to help organize prioritization of award completion for applications. The awards are due starting NOW.
- ✓ 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.

SEE THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR A LIST OF ALL UPCOMING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS AND THEIR DEADLINES!!

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 deadline is October 31, 2022. Interested applicants can find more information at [this link](#).

Medical Device and Combination Products SS - Call for Postdoc Rep

The Medical Device and Combination Products Specialty Section (MDCPSS) is looking for a postdoc representative. This is the perfect gateway to leadership roles in SOT and broadening your network! To apply for this opportunity, please visit the website [here](#)

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 Education and Career 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!

Upcoming Training and Seminars

Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment (TERA) presents "[Dose-Response Assessment Boot Camp](#)" (Oct 31), a 5-day hands-on training on dose-response assessment and hazard characterization. Exposure Specialty Section presents "Beyond the Bench: Using Exposure Science to Promote Toxicology in Policy, Decision Making and Public Health" (Nov 2), where they will discuss tools and methods to evaluate exposure and how result from exposure science can inform decision-making, and other disciplines.

Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology (SCCT) and Ethical, Legal, Forensics, and Societal Issues (ELFSI) Specialty Sections are organizing and hosting a webinar series on how scientific bias, credibility, conflict of interest, censorship, and advocacy should be a priority for toxicologist while performing and communicating their science. This seminar series also includes some tips on how to communicate more efficiently to the general public (The next one is Nov 4 [Link](#)).

Student Membership Information

Don't Forget to [Renew your dues online](#). Know any fellow students who aren't yet members of SOT? Forward them this newsletter to share all the opportunities SOT has to offer for graduate students and encourage them to [Apply today!](#)

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 62nd SOT Annual Meeting & ToXExpo (March 19–23, 2023) will be held in-person in Nashville, Tennessee. Held at the [Music City Center](#), in the heart of downtown Nashville, the annual meeting is within walking distance of myriad hotels, restaurants, bars, live music venues, museums, historical sites, and more. The annual meeting scientific program features 60+ symposia, workshop, roundtables in addition to 13 continuing education courses and dozens of poster sessions. The breadth of scientific content is sure to appeal to everyone's research interests and the meeting venue will provide an unparalleled opportunity for networking with your fellow toxicologists! Be sure to check out the [annual meeting website](#) for consistent updates about the scientific program.

[Abstract submission deadline is Thursday, December 1st](#). This deadline provides the SOT community with ample time to submit a strong abstract and allow for the newest findings in the field to be considered each year. Learn more about [abstract submission here](#).

The program this year will include events such as:

- Continuing Education Courses
- Education-Career Development Sessions
- Informational Sessions
- Roundtable Sessions
- Symposium and Workshop Sessions
- ToXExpo

Deadlines for registration include:

- Early Bird Registration Jan 27, 2023
- Standard Registration: Jan 28–Feb 24, 2023
- Final Registration after Feb 24, 2023

For more information on the 62nd 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

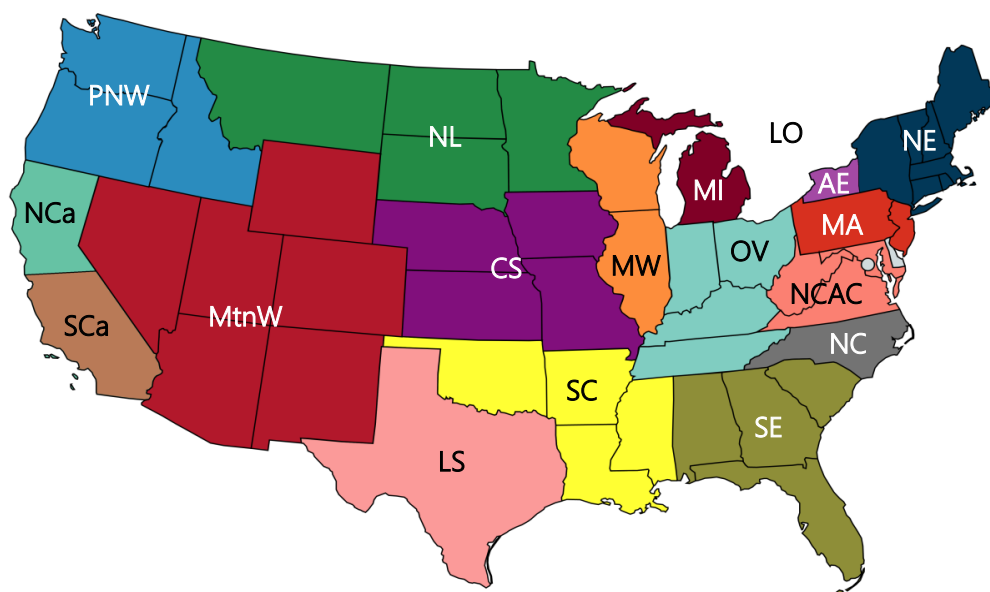
	<p>GSLC Chair</p> <p>David Umbaugh University of Kansas Medical Center</p> <p>Fun Fact: "I love weekend adventures with my partner in crime, Freyja, the Australian Shepherd."</p>		<p>GSLC Secretary</p> <p>Rachel Renda St. John's University</p> <p>Fun Fact: "I came into undergraduate studies as a biology major, found my way to toxicology and have been fully immersed in it ever since!"</p>
	<p>Professional Development SC Chair</p> <p>Cody Robarts University of Kansas Medical Center</p> <p>Fun Fact: "I have two extremely energetic dogs an Australian Shepherd named Marvel and a Border Collie named Blue."</p>		<p>Professional Development SC Secretary</p> <p>Thao (Taylor) Vo Louisiana State University</p> <p>Fun Fact: "I mentally strategize a survival plan for the zombie apocalypse about once a month."</p>
	<p>Programming SC Chair</p> <p>Chinedu Ahuchaogu University of Maryland Eastern Shore</p> <p>Grad School Advice: "Work smart and have a clear purpose."</p>		<p>Programming SC Secretary</p> <p>Greylin Nielsen Boston University School of Public Health</p> <p>Fun Fact: "I love rock climbing! (Does anyone want to spend a few days bouldering in Chattanooga after SOT this year?)"</p>
	<p>Communications SC Chair</p> <p>Jaclynn Meshanni Rutgers University</p> <p>Fun Fact: "I love exploring! Food and hiking are my favorite ways to get to know a new place!"</p>		<p>Communications SC Secretary</p> <p>Deniz Emul Michigan State University</p> <p>Fun Fact: "I'm lucky to be a part of SOT from Sydney, Australia! That means studying virtually in very different time zones!"</p>

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. 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. 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](#).

Mantras for Success; Advice from your GSLC

<p style="text-align: center;">Do something non-academic that fills you up each day. – Greylin Nelsen, Programming Secretary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Don't trust your memory, you have lab notebooks for that! – Thao Vo, Professional Secretary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">What you do outside of your program can be just as significant. The good news is we're already doing this, choosing to be a part of SOT! This also goes for maintaining a strong community outside of your studies. – Deniz Emul, Communications Secretary</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Take time for yourself when you need it! It's a marathon, not a sprint! – Rachel Renda, GSLC Secretary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Take initiative; your best advocate is yourself! – Jaclynn Meshanni, Communications Chair</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Networking is critical and it is never too soon to start. SOT is an excellent society to allow networking experiences for graduate students. – Cody Roberts, Professional Chair</p>

Graduate Student Awards and Due Dates!

Graduate Student Awards	Due Date
Association of Scientists of Indian Origin SIG ASIO-SOT Best Paper Award	10/15/2022
Perry J. Gehring Diversity Student Travel Award	10/17/2022
South Central RC Fall Meeting Presentation Awards	10/22/2022
Supplemental Training for Education Program	10/31/2022
Lone Star RC Annual Meeting Best Platform and Poster Award	11/1/2022
Southeastern RC Platform Presentation Awards	11/4/2022
Southeastern RC Poster Presentation Award	11/4/2022
American Association of Chinese in Toxicology SIG AACT and InnoStar Best Abstract Awards	11/15/2022
American Association of Chinese in Toxicology SIG Jean Lu Student Scholarship Award	11/15/2022
Mechanisms SS Carl C. Smith Graduate Student Award	11/15/2022
Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology SS Edward W. Carney Trainee Award	11/15/2022
Graduate Intern Fellowship in Toxicology	12/1/2022
Immunotoxicology SS Best Presentation by a Student Award	12/1/2022
Immunotoxicology SS Mitzi and Prakash Nagarkatti Research Excellence in Immunotoxicology Award	12/1/2022
Mechanisms SS Renal Toxicology Award	12/1/2022
Mechanisms SS Ronald G. Thurman Student Travel Award	12/1/2022
Mechanisms SS Sheldon D. Murphy Student and Postdoctoral Endowment Award	12/1/2022
Inhalation and Respiratory SS Donald E. Gardner Inhalation Toxicology Education Award	12/2/2022
Inhalation and Respiratory SS Mary Amdur Student Award	12/2/2022
Inhalation and Respiratory SS Paper of the Year Award	12/2/2022
Inhalation and Respiratory SS Student Award	12/2/2022
Midwest RC Undergraduate / Graduate / Postdoc Travel Award	12/2/2022
Molecular and Systems Biology SS Graduate Student Research Award	12/2/2022

Molecular and Systems Biology SS Paper of the Year Award	12/2/2022
Northland RC Graduate Student Travel Award	12/4/2022
Association of Scientists of Indian Origin SIG Dr. Harihara Mehendale Graduate Student Best Abstract Award	12/8/2022
Association of Scientists of Indian Origin SIG Dr. Laxman Desai Graduate Student Best Abstract Award	12/8/2022
Association of Scientists of Indian Origin SIG Toxikon, A Preclinical Toxicology Organization; and Dr. Dharm Singh Association of Scientists of Indian Origin (ASIO) International Travel Award	12/8/2022
Northeast RC Paper of the Year Award	12/9/2022
Northeast RC Student Travel Award for SOT Annual Meeting	12/9/2022
Dermal Toxicology SS Annual "Paper of the Year" Award	12/12/2022
Dermal Toxicology SS Edgewell Personal Care Student and Postdoctoral Award	12/12/2022
Dermal Toxicology SS Stratacor Postdoctoral Award	12/12/2022
Nanoscience and Advanced Materials SS Best Publication Award	12/15/2022
Nanoscience and Advanced Materials SS Outstanding Graduate Student Award	12/15/2022
Drug Discovery Toxicology SS Student Poster Competition—Annual Meeting	12/29/2022
Comparative Toxicology, Pathology, and Veterinary SS Best Publication of the Year	12/30/2022
Comparative Toxicology, Pathology, and Veterinary SS Charles River Award	12/30/2022
Comparative Toxicology, Pathology, and Veterinary SS Roger O. McClellan Student Award	12/30/2022
Comparative Toxicology, Pathology, and Veterinary SS STP Student Award	12/30/2022
Comparative Toxicology, Pathology, and Veterinary SS Student Award	12/30/2022
Mechanisms SS Robert J. Rubin Student Travel Award	12/30/2022
Biological Modeling SS Andersen-Clewell Trainee Award	12/31/2022
Biological Modeling SS Best Paper Award	12/31/2022
Biological Modeling SS Best Trainee Abstract Award	12/31/2022
Biological Modeling SS Perry J. Gehring Biological Modeling Endowment Award	12/31/2022
National Capital Area RC 2022 Bern Schwetz Travel Award	12/31/2022
Occupational and Public Health SS Best Abstract Award	12/31/2022
Occupational and Public Health SS Student Travel Award	12/31/2022
Ocular Toxicology SS Annual "Paper of the Year" Award	12/31/2022
Ocular Toxicology SS Covance-OSOD Graduate Student/Postdoctoral Fellow Research Award	12/31/2022
Ocular Toxicology SS Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Fellow Trainee Support Award	12/31/2022
Ocular Toxicology SS Ocular Toxicology Best Poster Award	12/31/2022
Risk Assessment SS Andersen-Clewell Trainee Award	12/31/2022
Risk Assessment SS John Doull Risk Assessment Endowment Award	12/31/2022
Risk Assessment SS Perry J. Gehring Best Graduate Student Abstract Risk Assessment Endowment Award	12/31/2022
Risk Assessment SS Robert J. Rubin Student Risk Assessment SS Travel Award	12/31/2022
Cardiovascular Toxicology SS Trainee Award	1/4/2023
In Vitro and Alternative Methods SS Best Paper Award	1/5/2023
In Vitro and Alternative Methods SS Best Poster Award	1/5/2023
In Vitro and Alternative Methods SS Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Awards	1/5/2023
Toxicologists of African Origin SIG Student Research Awards	1/5/2023
Toxicologists of African Origin SIG TAO Student Travel Awards	1/5/2023
Medical Device and Combination Product SS Best Overall Abstract Award	1/6/2023
Neurotoxicology SS Toshio Narahashi Neurotoxicology SS Trainee Conference Endowment Award	1/6/2023
Carcinogenesis SS Dharm V. Singh Carcinogenesis Graduate Student Endowment Award	1/7/2023
Carcinogenesis SS Environmental Carcinogenesis Merit Award for Graduate Students	1/7/2023

Clinical and Translational Toxicology SS Graduate Students Research Award	1/7/2023
Stem Cells SS Excellence in Research Awards	1/7/2023
Women in Toxicology SIG Celebrating Women in Toxicology Award	1/7/2023
Women in Toxicology SIG Vera W. Hudson and Elizabeth K. Weisburger Scholarship Fund Student Award	1/7/2023
Arab Toxicologists Association SIG Graduate Student Best Abstract Award	1/8/2023
Biotechnology SS Best Paper Award	1/8/2023
Biotechnology SS Boehringer Ingelheim Award for Excellence in Biotherapeutic Safety	1/8/2023
Biotechnology SS Student Achievement Award	1/8/2023
Hispanic Organization of Toxicologists SIG Travel Award	1/10/2023
Korean Toxicologists Association in America SIG Young Soo Choi Student Scholarship Award	1/10/2023
Northern California RC NorCal SOT Graduate Student Achievement Award	1/10/2023
Sustainable Chemicals Through Contemporary Toxicology SS Best Abstract Graduate Student Award	1/10/2023
Medical Device and Combination Product SS Student Achievement Award	1/12/2023
Food Safety SS Burdock Group Student Scientific Award	1/15/2023
Food Safety SS Frank C. Lu Graduate Student Award	1/15/2023
ToxScholar Outreach Grants	1/15/2023
Southern California RC Graduate Student Travel Award	1/17/2023
Metals SS Graduate Student/Postdoctoral Research Awards	1/20/2023
Allegheny-Erie RC A-ESOT Regional Chapter Student Travel Award 2022	1/31/2023
Korean Toxicologists Association in America SIG Best Presentations by Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Trainee Award	1/31/2023
Mixtures SS Best Abstract Award	1/31/2023
Mixtures SS Best Student/Postdoc Abstract Awards	1/31/2023
Ethical, Legal, Forensics, and Societal Issues SS Graduate Student Award	2/1/2023
South Central RC Student Travel Award	2/7/2023
Outstanding Graduate Student Leadership Award	2/9/2023
Regulatory and Safety Evaluation SS Graduate Student Excellence Award	2/15/2023
Neurotoxicology SS Toshio Narahashi Graduate Student Poster Competition Award	2/28/2023
Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology SS Student/Postdoc Awards	3/9/2023