



PANWAT Nomination for the Undergraduate Student Travel Award Sponsored by RC4



Purpose

The Society of Toxicology Regional Chapter Collaboration and Communication Committee (RC4)¹ is sponsoring undergraduate student travel grants to enable students to attend to the SOT Annual Meeting where they will present a poster of a toxicology-related project. Travel awards of \$1,100 will be awarded to each of the top three candidates. Applicants become candidates for RC4 awards through nomination by Regional Chapters. Each SOT regional chapter can nominate one undergraduate student for the award. This is the application process for PANWAT undergraduate students.

RC4 winners must attend the Annual Meeting where they will participate Sunday's Undergraduate Program and present a poster of their project (their mentor or a Regional Chapter Officer will sponsor abstract submission). Following the meeting, winners must provide the RC4 with an evaluation of the value of the award to the winner's experience at the meeting and career advancement.

Instructions

Applicants should review award guidelines and criteria published by RC4 because, if selected, application components must conform to the given guidelines (see <https://www.toxicology.org/awards/sot/awards.aspx?AwardID=273>).

PANWAT-specific application components, which reflect the RC4 guidelines, are outlined herein.

This is a needs-based grant.

Eligibility

The following criteria must be met to be considered for this award:

- A high school graduate enrolled as an undergraduate student at the time of the SOT Annual Meeting for which the award is granted
- Completed toxicologically-relevant research in the laboratory of a mentor who is a PANWAT member

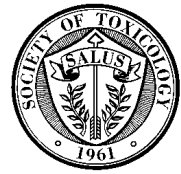
Required application components (listed below) should detail that the student would not be able to attend the meeting without the support of this grant mechanism.

- 1) A "Statement of Purpose" (1 page or less) that includes:
 - A clear statement that the award is necessary to attend the annual meeting
 - How participating in the research project benefited the student's career goals
 - How attending the annual meeting will benefit the student's career goals
- 2) An Abstract (to conform to SOT Annual Meeting abstract guidelines) that should include:
 - Hypothesis studied
 - Brief methods of study
 - Findings
 - Conclusion
 - Toxicological relevance

¹ RC4 is composed of one member from each of all regional chapter (the default represented is the Chapter president) and presents a unified voice for Regional Chapters to SOT Council; allows collaboration amongst Regional Chapters; and coordinates of Regional Chapter activities and initiatives that support the overall SOT strategic plan.



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- 3) Brief 2-page Research Summary that contains:
 - A paragraph on the problem the research addresses and the hypothesis of the work
 - A paragraph on the methods used and main findings of the work
 - A paragraph on the major conclusions and relevance to the field of Toxicology
 - A paragraph explicitly stating the applicant's direct contributions to the execution and analyses of the data represented in the abstract
 - Figures and visualizations that help convey the research are highly encouraged
 - Limit included data to those that the student played a role in generating
 - The summary should be formatted in single spaced 12-point Times New Roman font with one-inch margins, not to exceed 2 pages. A reference section is not required
- 4) Letter of support from the student's mentor that includes a statement regarding the student's contribution to the project and the data summarized in the application
- 5) Application form (attached) with general information (project title, contact information for student and mentor, etc)

Application submission

- All application materials are to be submitted as PDF files (see below) to PANWAT.SOT@gmail.com. Please include RC4 Undergraduate Award Application in the subject of the email
 - The statement of purpose, abstract, and brief 2-page research summary will be submitted as a SINGLE PDF file by the student
 - The letter of support from the student's mentor will be submitted by the mentor
- All application materials must be received by the deadline (**8/24/2018**) or the applicant will not be considered for the award

Selection criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on the quality of their statement of purpose; the quality of their abstract; the quality of their research summary; the relevance of their research to toxicology or a toxicologically relevant field; and mentor's letter. The most meritorious applicant will be selected as the PANWAT nominee for the RC4 Undergraduate Travel Award.

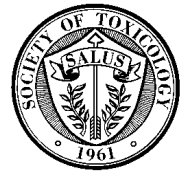
Timeline

- **8/24/2018:** Submission of application packet
- **No later than 9/14/18:** Notification of PANWAT nomination decisions to applicants
- **10/01/18:** Notification of RC4 decision to applicant and PANWAT
- **10/19/18:** SOT Annual Meeting Abstract submission deadline
- **3/18/19:** Evaluation of the award and meeting experience to RC4

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Title of the Project: _____

Submitted by (Student's name): _____

Date of High School Graduation: _____ Expected date of Undergraduate degree: _____

College/University/Institution: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail address: _____

Advisor/Mentor Name: _____

College/University/Institution: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

Advisor/Mentor Regional Chapter membership status: _____

THE APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

(necessary components of each are included in the general application information materials):

- 1. Statement of Purpose:** not to exceed one page
- 2. Project Abstract:** hypothesis, brief methods, findings, conclusion, toxicological relevance
- 3. Letter of Support from Mentor.**
- 4. Brief Research Summary:** not to exceed two pages
- 5. This completed form**

A single electronic pdf file with a completed application should be emailed (with RC4 Undergraduate Award Application in the subject) to [PANWAT.SOT@gmail.com](mailto: PANWAT.SOT@gmail.com) no later than August 24, 2018.