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## The 2021 Perry J. Gehring Diversity Student Travel Award



*Alexandra Svetlik, 2021 Perry J. Gehring Recipient*

The Perry J. Gehring Diversity Student Travel Award recognizes a student who participated in the SOT Undergraduate Program, is from an ethnic group under-represented in toxicology (for example, African American, Hispanic, Native American or Pacific Islander), and is presenting an abstract at the SOT Meeting. The award recipient is selected by the Committee on Diversity Initiatives and may be either a graduate student or undergraduate student.

The Gehring Student Travel Award is provided through the Society of Toxicology Endowment Fund. This award recognizes Dr. Perry J. Gehring, who served as SOT President in 1980-1981 and made important scientific contributions, especially in biological modeling and evidence-based assessment. Dr. Gehring had a strong interest in encouraging individuals from ethnic groups under-represented in the sciences to enter biomedical sciences and toxicology.

**Alexandra Svetlik**, an undergraduate student at King University, is the 2021 recipient of this award. A 2020 Undergraduate Diversity Program participant, her abstract is titled **“Investigation of the Protective Effects of Nicotine in Pesticide-Induced Neurodegeneration in the Model Organism *C. elegans*.”**

Participants in the SOT Undergraduate Diversity Program can apply for the Perry J. Gehring Diversity Student Travel Award if they meet eligibility requirements, including submission of an abstract for the SOT Annual Meeting and having participated in the program during the previous four years. The abstract submission deadline is the third Friday in October and the award application deadline is also the third Friday of October.

We also recognize the previous Perry J. Gehring Diversity Student Travel Award recipients.

- **2020** Juliana Agudelo
- **2019** Jessica A. Jiménez
- **2018** Kimberly Ann River-Carabello
- **2017** Kaylin Marie White
- **2016** Lizbeth Perez-Castro
- **2015** Latisha T. Pryor
- **2014** Pamella B. Tijerina
- **2013** Alexandra Colón-Rodríguez
- **2012** Alba K. Gonzalez Rivera
- **2011** Eva A. Amouzougan
- **2010** Nygerma L. Dangleben
- **2009** Vanessa De La Rosa