

# SOCIETY OF TOXICOLOGY

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

1998 Dues	
* Full Associate - US & Canada	\$145
* Full Associate - International	\$187
Student - US & Canada	\$ 20
Student - International	\$ 20

For more information on SOT membership opportunities, contact the Membership & Awards Department.

### Instructions to Applicants for Membership in the Society of Toxicology

#### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING ANY PORTION OF THIS APPLICATION.

#### General Membership Benefits

- Discounted registration fees to the largest toxicology meeting in the world.
- Opportunities to present your original research and sponsor that of others.
- A copy of *The Toxicologist* — a compilation of abstracts presented at the Annual Meeting.
- Access to the new SOT On-Line Job Placement Services.
- Opportunities to promote knowledge in the field of toxicology and to network with other toxicologists dedicated to the improvement of the health and safety of living beings and the protection of their environment.
- Subscriptions to the prestigious *Toxicology & Applied Pharmacology* and *Toxicological Sciences*.
- Five issues of SOT's newsletter, *Communiqué*.
- SOT's Membership Directory — soon to be available on SOT's on-line home page.
- Affordable health, life and disability insurance plans.
- Legislative updates and advocacy on behalf of toxicology and 4,500+ members.
- Fax-on-Demand — information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Specialty Section membership opportunities.
- Regional Chapter membership opportunities.
- Committee opportunities.
- Award eligibility.

#### Deadlines

There are three deadlines for application: **January 1**, **May 1**, and **September 1**. Completed application packets received by the January 1 deadline will be reviewed by the Membership Committee in February; completed packets received by the May 1 deadline will be reviewed by the Membership Committee in June; completed packets received by the September 1 deadline will be reviewed by the Membership Committee in October.

In April (for January 1 applications), August (for May 1 applications), and December (for September 1 applications), a list of pending member names will be sent to the voting membership of the Society of Toxicology for comments.

In May (for January 1 applicants), in September (for May 1 applicants), and in January (for September 1 applicants), Council will review the recommendation from the Membership Committee.

Candidates will be notified of their acceptance in June (for January 1 applications), in October (for May 1 applications), and in February (for September 1 applications).

Each applicant must be a **qualified person** with a **professional, scientific interest** in toxicology, in addition to meeting the requirements for the specific category of membership.

To assist the applicant in determining eligibility for membership, the Council of the Society of Toxicology has developed the following definitions and criteria for admission. The SOT Membership Committee is charged with the responsibility of evaluating each application according to these criteria.

#### FULL MEMBERSHIP

An individual may qualify for Full SOT Membership in two ways:

##### A. Based on record of peer-reviewed publications.

- At least three years of post-graduate experience prior to date of membership consideration.
- At least two peer-reviewed toxicology-related publications that are not the result of graduate research experience.
- Sponsorship by two Full Members of SOT. Sponsors must complete and sign sponsorship forms (forms provided). **Full Member Applicants — no two sponsors may be from the same institution. Sponsors may not be a member of the SOT Council or Membership Committee.** Letters of support should be forwarded directly from the sponsor to the attention of the Membership Committee at SOT Headquarters.
- Examples of unacceptable publications include, but may not be limited to, abstracts, letters to the editor, commentaries, technical notes, book chapters, and review articles.
- Do not submit manuscripts in preparation. If manuscripts are in press, but not yet in print, indicate this and submit a copy of the letter of acceptance.
- The applicant must also submit a complete bibliography (including thesis and dissertation titles). It is essential that exact bibliographic citations be given (title, authors, journal name and volume, inclusive page numbers, and year of publication).

##### B. Based on documented professional experience in toxicology.

- Five years of professional experience in toxicology.
- Documentation of activities and accomplishments as a professional toxicologist.
- Sponsorship by three Full Members of SOT. Sponsors must submit completed, signed sponsorship forms (forms provided). Letters of support should be forwarded directly from the sponsor to the attention of the Membership Committee at SOT Headquarters. **Full Member Applicants — no two sponsors may be from the same institution. Sponsors may not be a member of the SOT Council or Membership Committee.**

#### Qualifications

## B. Based on documented professional experience in toxicology...(CONTINUED)

- Years of experience for consideration as a Full Member include formal post-doctoral training, but not full-time enrollment in graduate education.
- Applicants must clearly document activities and accomplishments supportive of the applications such as:
  - Relevant professional experience.
  - Appointment to expert toxicology committees.
  - Awards for scientific endeavor.
  - Certification in toxicology.
  - Invited participation in toxicology meetings, seminars, symposia, and workshops.
  - Contributions to toxicology literature, such as review articles, monographs, and textbook chapters demonstrating a scholarly and/or innovative approach by the applicant.

### Full Member Benefits

- Voting privileges:
  - At the Annual Meeting and at any special Meeting.
  - By mail for election of Officers of the Society.
  - By mail on other matters.
- Ability to sponsor non-member colleague abstracts at the Annual Meeting.
- Officer eligibility.
- Elected Committee eligibility.
- Unrestricted eligibility to participate on SOT's appointed committees.
- Regional Chapter Officer eligibility.
- Recognition among your peers.
- Eligibility for many of SOT's distinguished awards.

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

- Must have demonstrated professional, scientific activities in toxicology. Evidence of such activities may include:
  - Attendance at toxicology scientific meetings.
  - Employment responsibilities that require an understanding of toxicologic principles.
  - A beginning career in toxicologic research.
  - All items of the application must be completed, in full, with special emphasis on evidence of continuing professional activities in toxicology.
- Sponsorship by two Full Members of SOT. Sponsors must submit completed, signed sponsorship forms (forms provided). Letters of support should be forwarded directly from the sponsor to the attention of the Membership Committee at SOT Headquarters. **Sponsors may not be members of the SOT Council or Membership Committee.**

### Associate Member Benefits

- Ability to sponsor non-member colleague abstracts at the Annual Meeting.
- Recognition among your peers.
- Eligibility for many of SOT's distinguished awards.
- Eligibility for participation on many of SOT's appointed committees.

### STUDENT/POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW MEMBERSHIP

- Must be enrolled full-time in a graduate degree program, post-doctoral fellowship, or be within a 12-month period following completion of the degree program or fellowship.
- Two Full Members must provide completed, signed sponsorship forms (forms provided). Letters of support should be forwarded directly from the sponsor to the attention of the Membership Committee at SOT Headquarters. **Sponsors may not be members of the SOT Council or Membership Committee.**
- **The applicant's faculty advisor/ post-doctoral mentor must provide assurance that the applicant is a full-time student/fellow (or has completed the degree program or fellowship within the past 12 months). If the faculty advisor/mentor is a Full Member, the advisor can serve as one of the two required sponsors.**
- **A third sponsor who is a Full Member of SOT is required as sponsor if the advisor/mentor is not a Full Member of SOT or if the advisor is a member of the SOT Council or the SOT Membership Committee.**

### Student Member Benefits

- Ability to submit an unsponsored abstract at the Annual Meeting.
- Recognition among your peers.

