



Society of Toxicology

Minority Undergraduate Student Award Program

2012 SOT Annual Meeting

March 11-15, 2012

Moscone Convention Center, San Francisco, CA

The Minority Undergraduate Student Award Program provides the opportunity for qualified students to attend a special program March 10-12, 2012, at the Society of Toxicology Annual Meeting. This program recognizes promising undergraduate science majors and their advisors and informs them about the discipline of toxicology, opportunities in toxicology, and the preparation necessary for a research career. Other benefits of the program include participation in a scientific meeting and interaction with SOT member-mentors and peers. Awardees receive support for transportation/lodging (lodging for those traveling over 50 miles), meals, and registration for the meeting. Students interested in a research career are encouraged to apply. Each institution may submit applications for up to four students maximum per year.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident
- Member of an ethnic/racial group underrepresented in the sciences (African American, Native American, including Alaskan or Hawaiian, or Hispanic Americans)
- Current enrollment as an undergraduate student at an accredited institution
- A minimum GPA of 3.0 in all courses
- Recommendation from an advisor at your institution
- Preference: sophomore or junior standing
- Have not received the award

DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF APPLICATION

1. Complete the application form and name it "[your last name]_MUPapp.pdf"
 - a. Include in the application a one page (one side) statement of 250 words or less that describes:
 - 1) your career objectives,
 - 2) how they relate to toxicology, and
 - 3) how attendance at this meeting will benefit you.
 - b. Add to that file an electronic copy of your transcript(s) including course enrollment for the current semester (sealed official copy not required).
2. Verify that your portions of the application are complete, including your electronic signature. E-mail the file(s) containing application and transcripts to your advisor at least a week in advance of the deadline.
3. Request a letter of recommendation from your advisor which will be included in the application.
4. The advisor will complete the Institutional Cover Sheet including the electronic signature, and name the file "[institution name]_MUPcov.pdf"
5. The advisor will e-mail all the application files for all the students from that institution plus Institutional Cover Sheet in one e-mail message sent to educ@toxicology.org no later than midnight EST on **October 9, 2011**. Use "MUP" in the subject line.

APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

- High cumulative GPA
- Quality of written statement
- Commitment to a research career in science indicated by written statement and previous activities
- Evidence of strong science background and achievement
- Potential for continued success in science as documented by advisor
- Class standing; sophomores and juniors receive preference