

Outstanding Graduate Student Leadership Committee (GSLC) Award Description

Purpose: The purpose of the Outstanding Graduate Student Leadership Committee (GSLC) Award is to recognize a student representative who has contributed to the Society in a significant manner, i.e. above and beyond the normal expected basic service as a representative. Academic achievements are not considered for the award.

The basic duties of a representative are:

- Inform the students within their component group about awards, activities and various beneficial activities
- Participate in the respective leadership meetings
- Participate actively in the GSLC meetings
- Contribute to the newsletters

Nomination: The graduate representatives can nominate themselves by explaining their accomplishments, which should be supported by their respective SS/RC/SIG president. The representatives should send their nomination via e-mail to their respective chairperson and copy the same to the staff liaison. It will be the responsibility of the representatives to contact their president and arrange a letter supporting the nomination (via e-mail) to be sent to the GSLC chairperson and the staff liaison. The e-mails may be sent from the official address of the representative and the president.

Deadline: The nomination and support letter should be sent on or before February 1.

Selection Committee: The Selection committee will be composed of the GSLC Chair, the three subcommittee chairs, and the SOT Council Liaison. If additional opinions are needed, leaders from an RC/SIG/SS will be contacted to serve an advisory role. These leaders will not be from the same groups as the nominees, to prevent conflict of interest. The selection committee will decide on the recipient of the awards. If the selection committee decides that there are no deserving candidates then no award or honorable mention certificates will be awarded.

Awards and Certificates: The awardee(s) will receive a minimum of a plaque for the Outstanding Graduate Student Leadership Committee Award, which may be accompanied by a monetary award should funds be available. The award will be presented at the Student/ Postdoctoral Mixer on Sunday evening at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Toxicology. The award winner(s) will also be announced in the SOT Communiqué and the SOT Student Newsletter, as well as on the Graduate Student Section of the SOT Website.

Announcement of the award: The representatives and their presidents should be informed about the award at the beginning of the officer term. The GSLC Executive Board may remind GSLC members about the award and encourage them to actively participate in serving their student members and the groups they represent.