



Foundation for Genetic Technology
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2012 Grants & Awards Deadline: February 7, 2012

For more information, guidelines, criteria and application forms for the grant and awards listed below visit the FGT tab on AGT's web site or contact Robin Vandergon at rrink53@gmail.com.

Outstanding Technologist Grant (\$500) – sponsored by Leica Microsystems. To honor an outstanding technologist (must be AGT member) at the AGT meeting. Criteria include:

1. Technologist must be BOC-certified or eligible.
2. Have three or more years of experience.
3. Nomination by peer with support from director (both AGT members).
4. Contributes above what is required by the job description.
5. Demonstrates excellent customer service (internal and external).
6. Demonstrates excellent character:
 - a. Team player
 - b. Dependable
 - c. Detail-oriented
 - d. Focused
7. Demonstrates leadership ability
 - a. Participates in training
 - b. Has excellent troubleshooting skills
 - c. Participates in poster/presentations for lab or meetings

Genome Award (\$500) – sponsored by Quest Diagnostics

To acknowledge and honor outstanding technologists in cytogenetics and molecular genetic technology. This award program contributes to the growth of genetic technology as a profession by recognizing individuals with superior professional commitment.

New Horizons Award (\$750) – sponsored by Rainbow Scientific, Inc.

Newly certified AGT members may qualify for this \$750 award toward expenses to the AGT 37th Annual Meeting registration.

EXCEL Award (\$500) – sponsored by Cytocell Limited

AGT members enrolled in a formal university/hospital or laboratory-based program in diagnostic molecular technology or a NAACLS-accredited certificate or undergraduate cytogenetics or molecular program may be eligible to compete for free student registration to the AGT 37th Annual Meeting, as well as one full-day or two half-day workshops.

Barbara J. Kaplan Scholarship (\$1500) – sponsored by Invitrogen Corporation

AGT members enrolled in a formal university/hospital or laboratory-based program in molecular technology or a NAACLS-accredited certificate or undergraduate cytogenetics or molecular program may be eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship and \$500 toward travel expenses to AGT's 37th Annual Meeting.

Best Poster Contest (\$300)

All AGT members attending the meeting may vote for the poster that fits the winning criteria (ie. Interesting and Informative Topic, Well Organized, Clear and Concise Data, Best Illustrations, Clinical/Laboratory Correlation and Cutting Edge Technology).

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Best Platform Presentation Award (\$500) – sponsored by Genzyme Genetics

All AGT members attending the presentation may vote for the presentation that best fits the winning criteria (i.e., presentation must be given by a technologist, be an interesting and informative topic, have clinical/laboratory correlation and present cutting-edge technology).

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Best Exhibit Booth Award – sponsored by the Foundation for Genetic Technology

The purpose of this award is to honor exhibitors at the AGT annual scientific meeting. AGT members will vote by ballot on the following criteria:

1. Best interaction (quality of interaction) with AGT membership – including availability to meeting participants and answering questions with detail.
2. Most valuable technical information or product information – including presentation of literature available.
3. Best overall booth design – including appearance of exhibit and visual impact of the display.
4. Most innovative gifts/raffles for attendees.
5. Creativity.

Only exhibit booths listed in the final program will be eligible.

Joseph Waurin Excellence in Education Award (\$500) – Sponsored by Jim Waurin

ELIGIBILITY:

- Nominees must have a minimum of five years teaching experience. These need not be consecutive nor full time. No academic rank is necessary.
- Nominees should currently be actively employed in the teaching arena, preferably in one of the certified Genetic Technology Programs. Course work should include evolving Cytogenetic/Molecular Cytogenetic and/or Molecular Genetic technologies [i.e., CGH, microarray analysis, PCR based testing, other emerging technologies, etc.]
- Nominees must be members of the Association of Genetic Technologists.
- Nominees must be BOC-certified.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Nominee needs to have demonstrated outstanding professional capabilities in the teaching of students at either the graduate or undergraduate level.
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- Nominee needs to have contributed to the genetic technology community, either through students or publications.

NOMINATION PROCESS:

- Individuals may be nominated either by students, former students or colleagues.
- One (1) original and four (4) duplicate sets of all materials for each nomination must be submitted to the FGT and be post marked by the deadline. The Foundation for Genetic Technology reserves the right not to process applications found to be late or incomplete as of the application postmark deadlines.
- These documents should be sent in a single packet:
 - a. The completed application form.
 - b. A letter of nomination in support of the nominee from a student, former student or colleague. The nominator's name and association with the nominee must be included.
 - c. The names and contact information for 2-3 additional references. Supporting letters from the references may also accompany the application.
 - d. An essay from a student (can be the same as the nominator) explaining why the nominee should be given the award.
 - e. Nominee must supply current curriculum vitae, documentation of teaching experience, AGT membership, BOC certification and course curriculum(s) [to evaluate the teaching of advanced technology].