

Student Research Award

Deadline: March 5, 2012

Student members enrolled in an accredited Cytogenetics or Diagnostic Molecular Science program are invited to submit abstracts for the 2012 Student Research Award. This award will be presented to the recipient at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Association of Genetic Technologists in Atlanta, Georgia, June 7-9, 2012. The entries are submitted to the AGT Executive Office, which then forwards the abstracts to a panel of Association members. The winner is selected by this panel based on a scored evaluation of the submitted abstracts. All other participants will be invited to present a poster at the annual meeting.

Eligibility

- Individuals/students eligible to submit abstracts for the award are:
 - Those enrolled in a NAACLS "Serious Applicant Status" or "Accredited" undergraduate or certificate program in Cytogenetics or Diagnostic Molecular Science (U.S. Programs).
 - Those enrolled in a Canadian Society of Laboratory Technology Approved undergraduate or certificate program in Cytogenetics or Molecular Biology (Canadian programs).
 - Those attending formal undergraduate or certificate programs outside of the United States and Canada if the program is recognized at the national level of the country in which the program is located.
- Applicants **MUST** be enrolled in the program between March 1, 2011 and March 5, 2012
- Individuals/students graduated prior to March 1, 2011 are not eligible.
- **Applicants must be members of the Association of Genetic Technologists at the time of application to be eligible to win the Student Research Award, but non-members may submit an abstract in the student category.** Information regarding AGT membership is available from your program director or the AGT Executive Office.
- The applicant will be required to be the **first** author on the abstract.
- The applicant **and** a program official will be required to validate that: the research was conducted during enrollment and completed prior to graduation from the program, the applicant was the primary investigator, and the abstract submitted is the work of the applicant.
- Applications may be submitted throughout the year.
- Abstracts **MUST be submitted electronically** by midnight on **Monday, March 5, 2012** to <http://www.surveymk.com/s/2012StudentAbstracts> in order to be considered for the 2012 Student Research Award. All entries received after March 5, 2012 will be considered for the 2013 Student Research Award.

Criteria

- A purpose for the experiment or investigation where the scientific merit or contribution is stated.
- A hypothesis, which indicates scientific expectations of the investigation and should be appropriate for the purpose.
- Scientific methods which are appropriate to the investigation, concise and organized.
- Data resulting from the investigation/experiment should be concise, specific and organized.
- The interpretation should be consistent with the data.

- The conclusions should be consistent with the data and interpretation. They may be intertwined with the interpretation, should support or refute the hypothesis, and should include the need for further investigation or suggest how other variables may influence the results.
- References should be used when appropriate. The institution name or any other identifying information should not be included in the abstract.

Submission Requirements

Abstracts must be submitted electronically. Submissions must be submitted electronically at <http://www.surveymk.com/s/2012StudentAbstracts>. If you are submitting more than one abstract, you must submit each abstract separately.

The entire abstract, including title, author(s) and text, must contain no more than 350 words. The title of the abstract should be typed in upper case letters. List all authors, and indicate the author who is presenting.

When you complete the abstract, please provide the following information:

- Presenting author's name, mailing address, telephone and e-mail address
- Indicate your presentation preference, i.e., poster only, platform only or either poster or platform
- Identify the category into which your abstract fits best:
 - Cancer, Clinical, Prenatal, Other
- List key words of paper (40 characters maximum)

It is important that you follow all instructions carefully. Abstracts submitted incorrectly will not be considered for presentation.

The Award

- The recipient will be notified in April 2012.
- The winner will be awarded up to \$1,500 in defined expenses to attend the 2012 AGT Annual Meeting.
- The recipient will be invited to present his/her research in a 15-minute platform presentation.
- All other participants will be invited to do a poster presentation.