

STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD

Student members enrolled in an accredited Cytogenetics or Diagnostic Molecular Science program are invited to submit abstracts for the 2009 Student Research Award. This award will be presented to the recipient at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Association of Genetic Technologists in Jacksonville, Florida, June 25 – June 27, 2009. 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, 2008 and March 6, 2009
- Individuals/students graduated prior to March 1, 2008 are not eligible.
- **Applicants must be active members of the Association of Genetic Technologists.** 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 **Friday, March 6, 2009** to agt-info@goAMP.com.

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.

THE AWARD:

- The recipient will be notified in April 2009.
- The winner will be awarded up to \$1,500 in defined expenses to attend the 2009 AGT Annual Meeting.
- The recipient will be invited to present his/her research in a platform presentation.
- All other participants will be invited to do a poster presentation.

**The Association of Genetic Technologists
Student Research Award**

APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Name _____ AGT Membership No. _____

Genetic Program _____

Certificate Student

Undergraduate Student

Graduation Date (specify): _____

Abstract Title:

The completed application packet should include the following items:

Completed application form

Completed abstract submitted by e-mail to agt-info@goAMP.com as outlined under Eligibility above.

Resume of the applicant

I hereby attest that all work on the project being submitted for the AGT Student Research Award was carried out prior to the applicant's graduation from the above named cytogenetics or molecular program, that the student was the primary investigator for the work being presented, and that the submission was written by the student.

Applicant _____ Date _____
(signature)

Program Official _____
(print name and title)

_____ Date _____
(signature)

Completed application must be email no later than **March 6, 2009** to:

E-mail: agt-info@goAMP.com