

## STC CANTOX<sup>1</sup> Student Award

### Purpose

There are two annual STC CANTOX Student Awards of \$500 each, one for the best poster presentation by an MSc student and the other for the best poster presentation by a PhD student.

### Application Process

Students must submit the STC CANTOX Student Award application form to the STC Secretariat by e-mail, along with their abstract and curriculum vitae on or before the date specified in the Symposium registration package.

### Selection Process – *New for 2010*

A **new two-phase selection process** for the STC CANTOX Student Awards will be introduced beginning in 2010. In the first phase, abstracts from all STC CANTOX Student Award applicants will be judged on the quality of the science and the ability to communicate. Applicants **must** adhere to the prescribed abstract format (see Symposium information page) in order to be eligible. The top three abstracts in each category (MSc and PhD) will be entered into the poster judging phase of the selection process. The Awards Selection Committee will then determine the winners of the STC CANTOX Student Awards on the basis of the poster presentation at the Symposium, according to the criteria described below.

### Criteria

The following elements are considered during the CANTOX poster judging: quality of the science; poster quality (clarity of ideas, data, and conclusions, and visual impression of poster); and informal student presentation (ability to explain the work and respond to questions).

**Please note:** 1) All Student Award Applicants will be advised well in advance of the Symposium whether or not their poster has been accepted for presentation AND if it has been selected for judging for a STC CANTOX Student Award. 2) Only those six students who have been advised that their abstract has been selected for inclusion in the poster judging phase will be visited by the Awards Selection Committee for judging purposes at the Symposium. 3) The posters for the top three abstracts in each category will be judged by the Awards Selection Committee on the basis of the quality of the poster presentation alone, the rankings from the abstract judging will not be further considered. 4) All applicants are encouraged to display their posters at the Symposium, even if they have not been selected to enter the poster judging phase of the CANTOX Student Award selection process. 5) The Awards Selection Committee for both the abstracts and posters will be chaired by a member of the Board plus one or more members in good standing.

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