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SLAS Announces Recipients of Tony B. Award Program for SLAS2017

62 students from around the globe to attend Society’s flagship event conference courtesy of academic travel award program

CHICAGO – SLAS, the Society for Laboratory Automation and Screening, has selected 62 students and aspiring life sciences professionals to present their research at SLAS2017 as the most recent winners of the SLAS Tony B. Academic Travel Award.

These notable undergraduate students, graduate students, post-doctoral researchers and junior faculty members were selected by an independent panel of judges who evaluated their abstract proposals based on scientific merit and potential impact of the research toward the advancement of life sciences discovery and technology.

As SLAS Tony B. Academic Travel Award winners, these students and young professionals, from 15 different countries, will travel to SLAS2017, Feb. 4-8, in Washington, DC, courtesy of SLAS. In addition to full conference registration (which includes access to 140 podium presentations, 300+ poster presentations, 21 short courses, more-than-300 exhibitors and scores of other workshops, meetings and special events), SLAS will provide each winner with roundtrip travel (coach airfare or mileage reimbursement) and shared hotel accommodations.

Listed alphabetically by their home country, the SLAS Tony B. Academic Travel Award winners for SLAS2017 are:

Argentina
Federico Figueredo, Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA)

Australia
Timothy Blackmore, The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research
Alice Bong, University of Queensland
Carrie Lovitt, Griffith University
Kym Lowes, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research
Melissa Sykes, Griffith University
Bilal Zulfiqar, Eskitis Institute for Drug Discovery, Griffith University
Brazil
Lucas Duarte, Federal University of Goiás
Jair Marques, Federal University of Goiás
Engy Shokry, Federal University of Goiás

Canada
Samantha Grist, The University of British Columbia
Sayyed Soroush Nasseri, University of British Columbia

China
Jingyu Zhang, East China University of Science and Technology
Ying Wang, Fudan University

Germany
Marc Daxer, Fraunhofer Institute for Manufacturing Engineering and Automation IPA
Michael Klinger, Fraunhofer Institute for Manufacturing Engineering and Automation IPA
Sri Teja Mullapudi, Max Planck Institute for Heart and Lung Research

India
Durgesh Tripathi, Banaras Hindu University

Netherlands
Abidemi Junaid, Leiden University

Poland
Maja Haczyk, Warsaw University of Technology

Korea
Hyun Yong Jeong, Seoul National University
Dong Eun Suh, Myeongji University

Singapore
Tan Boon Toh, Cancer Science Institute of Singapore

Spain
Uxia Nogueira-Recalde, The Biomedical Research Institute of A Coruña (INIBIC)

Switzerland
Andrea Gasser-Weiss, Swiss Federale Institute of Technology (EPFL)
Patrycja Nowak-Sliwinska, The University of Geneva
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United Kingdom
Kristy Davidson, University of Dundee
David Sykes, Nottingham University

United States
Vibhuti Agrahari, University of Missouri-Kansas City
Martin Brennan, University of Illinois at Chicago
Kevin Cash, Colorado School of Mines
Alejandro Chavez, Wyss Institute of Harvard
Eun Ji Chung, University of Southern California
Manjima Dhar, University of California, Los Angeles
Ashley Fancher, University of Pittsburgh
Michael Floren, University of Colorado
Mike Garcia, University of California Santa Barbara
Shamal Gunawardhana Durayalage, University of Kansas
Stephanie Ham, The University of Akron
Shurong Hou, The Scripps Research Institute, Florida
Nina Hua, University of Texas at Austin
Olive Jung, National Institute of Health
Reem Khojah, University of California, Los Angeles
Stanton Kochanek, University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy
Inae Lee, University of Hawaii
Marie Malone, The Scripps Research Institute, Florida
Andrea Mazzocchi, Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine
Sudip Mondal, University of Texas at Austin
Coleman Murray, University of California, Los Angeles
Misagh Naderi, Louisiana State University
Samila Nasrollahi, Washington University in St. Louis
Ivan Pushkarsky, University of California, Los Angeles
Pradip Shahi Thakuri, The University of Akron
Robin Sweeney, The University of Arizona
Lana Thaljeh, Louisiana State University
Peter Torab, Penn State University
Andrew Urick, University of Minnesota
Samuel Vilchez, The Pennsylvania State University
Lisa Walter, University of Southern California
Brenton Ware, Colorado State University
Chueh-Yu Wu, University of California, Los Angeles
Qingfu Zhu, Department of Chemistry, Wichita State University
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The SLAS Tony B. Academic Travel Awards program is a premier example of SLAS’s commitment to fostering the next generation of life sciences discovery and technology leaders. Other programs include the $1 million SLAS Education Fund, SLAS Graduate Education Fellowship Grant Program, and SLAS Career Connections. For more information about SLAS2017, visit www.SLAS2017.org. For more information about SLAS, visit www.SLAS.org or contact SLAS Global Headquarters at +1.877.990.SLAS (5727) or e-mail slas@slas.org.

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SLAS (the Society for Laboratory Automation and Screening) is an international community of more than 20,000 individual scientists, engineers, researchers, technologists and related professionals from academic, government and commercial laboratories. The SLAS mission is to be the preeminent global organization providing forums for education and information exchange and to encourage the study of, and improve the practice of life sciences discovery and technology. For more information, visit www.SLAS.org.

The SLAS Tony B. Academic Travel Awards honor Tony Beugelsdijk of Los Alamos National Laboratory, an Association for Laboratory Automation (ALA) co-founder who passed away in August, 2009. Tony played an inspirational and instrumental role in laboratory robotics and made significant contributions to ALA, the former LabAutomation Conference and Exhibition, and the scientific community as a whole. SLAS is honored to remember him through a program that recognizes up-and-coming researchers who demonstrate outstanding achievement in life sciences discovery and technology.