SCASM’s “New Technologists” Scholarship Program

SCASM Annual Meeting October 28-29, 2016

If you have been working as a clinical laboratory scientist (CLS) or public health microbiologist for less than 2 years and would like to attend the 2016 Southern CA American Society for Microbiology (SCASM) Annual Meeting, you may be eligible for a scholarship that covers full registration, plus one night (Friday, October 28, 2016) accommodation at the Hyatt Regency La Jolla at Aventine. During the meeting you will interact with a pre-assigned mentor, visit industry-sponsored exhibits featuring the latest technological advances, have the opportunity to network with other new and “seasoned” microbiologists and learn more about the profession of microbiology.

Please visit www.scasm.org to find out more about SCASM and review the content of our 2016 program –

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It's simple to apply – send the following to susan.m.vergara@kp.org as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, September 26, 2016.

1. Your name, address, telephone number, email address.
2. Educational background (post high school) and years of graduation.
3. Employer and employment dates as a CLS or public health microbiologist (must confirm that you are a “new” clinical laboratory scientist or public health microbiologist).
4. A brief summary (~100 words) explaining why you should be given a scholarship to attend the meeting.
5. Confirmation that if selected as a scholarship awardee, you will attend Friday and Saturday AM and PM Sessions, October 28-29, 2016.
6. Confirmation that if selected as a scholarship awardee, you will provide a brief summary (~100 words) of your experiences to SCASM by December 1, 2016.

Successful applicants will be notified of their scholarship award by email on Oct 3, 2016 and will be provided with instructions for registering for the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Vergara at susan.m.vergara@kp.org.

Testimonials from our 2015 Scholarship Awardees:

“SCASM was an excellent opportunity for me as a new CLS. Not only did I get to meet lots of different people, but the seminars were excellent.” - Breanna Green, University of California, Irvine

“Overall, my experience at SCASM was an informative, enjoyable experience and I plan on returning again next year.” - Stephanie Horiuchi, UCLA

“I think the networking aspect of the meeting was the most beneficial to me because I was able to listen to people and their experiences, the different areas they worked in, the problems and concerns they had as a CLS and so much more.” - Maria Bui, Children’s Hospital LA

“It was amazing to see the camaraderie amongst the technologists, post-doctoral speakers, students and brand representatives; it felt like a family coming together for their annual reunion.” - Kristine Gih, UCLA

“The highlight of my experience at this meeting was the mentorship I received, not only from my assigned mentor, but also from other senior microbiologists.” - Sylvie Inkindie, Los Angeles County Public Health Laboratory

“The booths were very interesting. All the new and upcoming technology were exciting to see.” - Cathrine Chong, UCLA

*Please share this with your “new technologist” colleagues!*