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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

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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

Sayed Soroush Nasser, 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 Mullanpudi, 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

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 Thalgeh, 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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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.