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## 56 Students to Attend SLAS2015 through the SLAS Tony B. Academic Travel Award Program

CHICAGO – In fulfillment of its mission to serve and cultivate life sciences research and development professionals around the world, the Society for Laboratory Automation and Screening (SLAS) is pleased to honor 56 undergraduate students, graduate students, post-doctoral researchers and junior faculty members with the SLAS Tony B. Academic Travel Award for SLAS2015, the Fourth Annual SLAS Conference and Exhibition, which will be held Feb. 7-11, 2015, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C.

These 56 students from 12 countries earned invitations to present their scientific achievements at SLAS2015 either as podium or poster presentations. Winners were determined by a panel of judges who conducted comprehensive evaluations of student abstract proposals and made selections based on scientific merit.

Through the SLAS Tony B. Academic Travel Award program, each recipient will receive roundtrip travel (coach airfare or mileage reimbursement), shared hotel accommodations and full conference registration (which includes access to 142 podium presentations, 300+ poster presentations, 17 short courses, 300+ exhibitors and scores of other workshops, meetings and special events). In addition, SLAS Young Scientist Award delegates are invited to enter their work in the SLAS2015 Student Poster Competition. Because of the program's importance to the SLAS mission and global impact on students and prospective scientists, SLAS more than doubled the budget for the Tony B. Academic Travel Award program for the Society's 2014-15 fiscal year.

"By encouraging and enabling the next generation of scientific researchers to pioneer innovative technology, the Tony B. Awards represent one of the most important aspects of the Society's mission," says SLAS President Daniel G. Sipes. "We consider the Tony B. Program to be a hallmark of SLAS. Not only does the program enable students from around the globe to participate and showcase their research in an important industry event, but it also provides a crucial component to the scientific program at our annual flagship conference."

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The Tony B. Academic Travel Award winners for SLAS2015 are:

### **AUSTRALIA**

Amy Jones, Eskitis Institute for Drug Discovery

### **BRAZIL**

Thiago Miguel Cardoso, Institute of Chemistry, Federal University of Goiás

### **CANADA**

Samatha Grist, University of British Columbia

Lian Leng, University of Toronto

### **CHINA**

Xianting Ding, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Pei Huang, Institute of Microbiology, Chinese Academy of Sciences

Feifei Jia, School of Pharmaceutical Science & Technology, Tianjin University

Tao Pang, China Pharmaceutical University

Chaohui Sun, School of Pharmaceutical Science and Technology, Tianjin University

Yani Xu, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences & Peking Union Medical College

### **FINLAND**

Prson Guatam, Institute for Molecular Medicine Finland (FIMM), University of Helsinki

### **FRANCE**

Julien Duez, HRA Pharma laboratories - University Pierre and Marie Curie

### **GERMANY**

Alexi Domnich, Fraunhofer IPA

Kamran Honarnejad, University of Bonn

Sabrina Kartmann, University of Freiburg

Martin Koch, Fraunhofer IPA

### **INDIA**

Vishal Jain, Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences

### **POLAND**

Agnieszka Michalczuk, Warsaw University of Technology

Ewelina Tomecka, Warsaw University of Technology

Rafal Urniaz, Medical University of Lublin

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**SWEDEN**

Mikael Evander, Lund University, Department of Biomedical Engineering

**SWITZERLAND**

Jonas Schaefer, University of Zurich

**UNITED STATES**

Marie-Elena Brett, University of Minnesota

Kevin Cash, Colorado School of Mines

Ilana Chefetz, University of Michigan

Chengpeng Chen, Michigan State University

Nancy Cheng, University of North Carolina

Jayme Dahlin, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine

Maojun Gong, Wichita State University

Kent Gordon, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Bethany Gross, Michigan State University

David Guckenberger, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Vincent Huynh, University of Texas at Austin

Siddhartha Jain, Carnegie Mellon University

Dong-Ku Kang, University of California Irvine

Rajeshwari Taruvai Kalyana Kumar, University of Texas at Dallas

Joonyul Kim, Auburn University

David Kinnamon, University of Texas at Dallas

Kenji Kurita, University of California, Santa Cruz

Somin Eunice Lee, University of Michigan

Ming Li, Johns Hopkins University

Gregory Linshiz, Joint Genome Institute

Rujuta Munje, University of Texas at Dallas

Armin Nourani, University of Texas at Austin

Manasi Raje, UC Irvine

Anjan Panneer Selvam, University of Texas at Dallas

Jeongyun Seo, University of Pennsylvania

Ramanuja Simha, University of Delaware

Christopher Skipwith, Northeastern University

Chi Tang, University of Connecticut

Hossein Tavana, University of Akron

Andi Wangzhou, University of Texas at Dallas

Juwina Wijaya, UCLA

Tingting Xu, University of Tennessee Knoxville and Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Cynthia Yin, University of California, Los Angeles

Caroline Yuhas, University of Michigan

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The Tony B. Academic Travel Award program honors the late Tony Beugelsdijk, Ph.D. Beugelsdijk was an inspirational and iconic leader in the field of laboratory science and technology who served at the forefront of this discipline, guiding its early stages of creation and development and making an extraordinary impact on the SLAS community.

For more information about SLAS2015 or the Tony B. Academic Travel Awards program, visit [www.SLAS2015.org](http://www.SLAS2015.org) or contact SLAS Global Headquarters at +1.877.990.SLAS (5727) or e-mail [slas@slas.org](mailto:slas@slas.org).

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