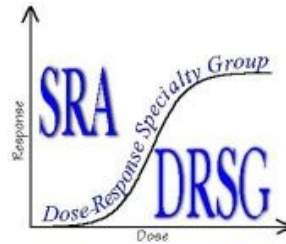


Society for Risk Analysis Dose Response Specialty Group



Student Merit Award in Dose-Response Assessment

NOTICE TO ALL STUDENTS AND GRADUATE STUDENT PROGRAMS

The Dose-Response Specialty Group (DRSG) of the Society for Risk Analysis is pleased to offer a merit award to a student conducting graduate research in dose-response assessment. The research may be on any topic broadly related to dose-response assessment, including but not limited to: laboratory investigation, methods development, comparative analyses, novel applications, studies on strengthening the role of dose-response assessment in risk assessment, uncertainty analysis, harmonization, dosimetry, genetics, and molecular biology. In addition to the peer recognition of your scientific accomplishment, the award includes a registration fee waiver to the SRA Annual Meeting, an engraved plaque, and a \$500 honorarium. The DRSG award winner will present his/her results and receive his/her award at the annual meeting, absent an extraordinary circumstance preventing this.

The award is merit based and competitive. The Executive Committee of the Dose-Response Specialty Group will rely on the following criteria to evaluate submissions:

1. Relevance of the topic to dose-response in the broadest sense
2. Originality of the research
3. Significance of the conclusions toward advancement of a principle, line of research, or the field as a whole
4. Breadth of the inquiry and degree of complexity of procedures and analyses
5. Quality of the extended abstract (clarity, logic, organization)
6. Submission to, publication in, or publishable in a peer reviewed journal

All abstracts must be submitted for presentation at the 2009 SRA Annual Meeting December 6-9, 2009 in Baltimore, MD following normal SRA guidelines for abstract submission (http://www.sra.org/events_2009_meeting.php) for meeting dates, guidelines and deadlines). Examples of previous year's winners' abstracts can be found at <http://www.sra.org/drsg/prev-awar.htm>.

By SRA's abstract deadline:

- Students must submit their abstracts using the individual abstract form on the SRA annual meeting web site.
- Designate the DRSG specialty group on their form.
- Complete the SRA student travel and/or merit award request form.
- All applicants for the DRSG merit award may simultaneously apply for the SRA student travel award using the student travel and/or merit award request form.
- In addition to the individual abstract, students must submit an extended abstract (between 900 and 1,000 words in length) that provides more detail about the work the student proposes to present.

Questions concerning the DRSG award procedures should be addressed to:
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