

2010 GRADUATE STUDENT GRANT PROGRAM, THE SPACKMAN AWARD

The Society for Organic Petrology (TSOP) invites applications for graduate student research grants, the Spackman Award. The purpose of the grants is to foster research in organic petrology (which includes coal petrology, kerogen petrology, organic geochemistry and related disciplines) by providing support to graduate students from around the world, who demonstrate the application of organic petrology concepts to research problems.

Size of the Spackman Award:

Monetary awards up to a maximum of \$1,000.00 US will be granted. TSOP will also provide Merit Awards, in the form of certificates redeemable for TSOP publications, to top-ranking applicants not receiving grants. The program awards a maximum of two grants each year. All applicants are invited to apply for a year's free Student Membership in TSOP.

Use of the Spackman Award:

Grants are to be applied to expenses directly related to the student's thesis program, such as fieldwork, laboratory analyses, etc. A portion (not to exceed 25%) of the funds may be used to attend TSOP Annual Meetings. Funds should not be used to purchase capital equipment, to pay salaries, tuition, room, or board during the academic year. Funds must be spent by the end of the calendar year following granting of the award, and an account of expenditure with copies of receipts should be provided by the end of that year (December 31, 2011 for awards granted in 2010).

Review and Ranking of Applications:

A committee of at least three TSOP members (and/or external experts when needed) will review the pool of applications. The reviewers will be drawn from people having no association with the host institution of any applicant. Each reviewer will independently rank each proposal according to established merit criteria, using the Application Evaluation Form included in the application packet. The cumulative score from all of the reviewers will be used to determine the final ranking of the applications. Winners will be notified prior to the 2010 Annual Meeting, and all applicants will be informed by e-mail of the final status of their applications.

Application Deadline: TSOP Spackman Award application deadline is May 15, 2010. Grants will be awarded in September, 2010.

Detailed information and an application form are on the TSOP web site:
www.tsop.org/grants.htm or applications may be obtained from:

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