



Robert L. Dixon International Travel Award

International Congress of Toxicology XVII

October 15-18, 2025

Beijing, China

The Toxicology Education Foundation announces the availability of the 2025 Robert L. Dixon International Travel Award, which is offered every three years. The 2025 award provides \$2,000 to enable the recipient to attend and present at the 17th [International Congress of Toxicology](#) in Beijing, China, from October 15-18, 2025.

The Award was established in memory of Robert L. Dixon as a tribute to his dedication to the field of toxicology and student training. Continuous contributions to TEF help to ensure funding for this award.

Eligibility Criteria

- Enrolled in full-time Ph.D. study in the area of reproductive/developmental toxicology.

Directions

1. All sections of the application form provided must be completed. Note: use only allotted spaces and a font of at least 10 points.
2. Your Research Director must complete the Reference Letter Form (page 3) with Letter of Recommendation, and mail directly to TEF at dourson@tera.org.
3. Include with the application a list of complete citations for your work and up to three reprints for which you are primary author and/or best represent your toxicological research.
4. The applicant will electronically send a complete set of the application, consisting of the following items:
 - a. Completed application, pages 1-2
 - b. Graduate transcript(s) (Copies of official transcript are acceptable.)
 - c. List of complete citations for your original work (abstracts, original articles, etc.)
 - d. Up to three reprints
 - e. Copy of the abstract submitted to the ICT XVII
5. All application materials from both the applicant and Research Director must be emailed to Michael L. Dourson, PhD., DABT, FATS, FSRA, dourson@tera.org, by July 15, 2025.

Application Review Criteria

Strength of application will be determined by:

- ☐ originality of dissertation research
- ☐ research productivity
- ☐ importance of research to reproductive toxicology
- ☐ scholastic achievement
- ☐ letter of recommendation

Incomplete applications will not be considered. The application should be printed off (or typed), completed, and emailed to Toxicology Education Foundation at dourson@tera.org. Questions can be directed to: dourson@tera.org.



LAST NAME

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Application for Robert L. Dixon International Travel Award

To be completed by the student applicant. Please print or type in black ink only. Email completed application by July 15, 2025 to dourson@tera.org (Subject: Dixon Award Applicant + your name). Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Name: _____
LAST FIRST

Department: _____ Applicant's Current Mailing Address:

University: _____

Doctoral Program Major: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Name of Research Director: _____ Telephone: (____) _____

Date program entered:

Fax: _____

Best estimate of month and year of dissertation
defense:

E-mail:

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. Use only the space allotted and at least a 10-point font.

1. Provide a statement describing how attending ICT XVII will contribute to your academic and or professional development.
2. In the space below, give a brief statement of your career objectives with respect to toxicology.
3. Give a clear and concise description of your dissertation research, divided into the following subsections:
(a) Objectives, (b) Work you have already accomplished, and (c) Relevance of your work to Reproductive Toxicology.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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Privileged Communication Reference Letter Form—Research Director

INSTRUCTIONS: Please print off, complete all sections, and email directly to dourson@tera.org with Dixon Award Reference + applicant name in the subject line. Letters for ICT XVII must arrive on or before July 15, 2025.

A signature below certifies that the applicant is a full-time graduate student. The Reference Letter Form and a Letter of Recommendation completed by the Research Director must be emailed directly by the Research Director to dourson@tera.org. The Research Director may not nominate more than two applicants from his/her laboratory in any year.

Name of Applicant: _____

Please provide your best estimate of the month and year of applicant's dissertation defense: _____

Name of Research Director: _____ Title: _____

Signature of Research Director: _____ Date: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

1. Rate the applicant on the items listed below using a numerical score of 1 to 5, basing your ratings on the degree of accomplishment you usually expect of students at this level (1—outstanding; 2—above average; 3—average; 4—below average; 5—poor; X—insufficient knowledge to rate.)

DO NOT LEAVE THIS SECTION BLANK

- ____ Originality
- ____ Ability to organize scientific data
- ____ Accuracy
- ____ Familiarity with research literature
- ____ Research ability
- ____ Proficiency in laboratory work
- ____ Scientific background
- ____ Perseverance in pursuing goals
- ____ Ability to exchange ideas



2. Please attach a letter describing the qualifications and traits that you consider of special significance in judging the applicant's aptitude for a career in Toxicology, emphasizing ability in research. Include discussion of weaknesses, if any. Also, please summarize the student's training program.