



# TEXAS SOCIETY FOR MICROSCOPY

## SMALL GRANT PROGRAM

### Program Objective and Funding Information

The Texas Society for Microscopy (TSM) Small Grant Program is intending to provide undergraduate and graduate students and their mentors with valuable microscopy educational experiences. By encouraging close working relationships between students and faculty, the program promotes scientific excellence and achievement through hands-on learning.

The program awards grants of up to \$1,500 for a graduate student proposal and \$750 for an undergraduate student proposal. Mentors could use the funds for materials and standard microscopy equipment necessary to complete a specific research project, student stipends and limited travel expenses associated with research.

### Eligibility and Requirements

- 1) While membership in TSM is not a requirement for applying for funding, it becomes necessary for both the student awardee and mentor at the time of award.
- 2) Funding is restricted to proposals from student-mentor whose research is performed at a Texas institution.
- 3) Student applicants must be enrolled full time in an accredited high school, college or university and use microscopy for research project in areas of life sciences, materials science, education, and any other areas involving use of microscopic techniques.
- 4) Student applicants must have a 3.0 grade point average in the last year prior to application. An official transcript must be submitted with the application.
- 5) The students must provide two letters of support, one from their mentor and the other one from another professor who is familiar with the students' ability to use microscopy for their research.

### Application and Submission Instructions

**Deadline is January 31 of each year.** The award will be made public at the TSM spring meeting. Proposals should be submitted by e-mail to the secretary of the TSM: Dr. Catalina Pislariu; [cpislariu@twu.edu](mailto:cpislariu@twu.edu).

*More information and application materials at:*  
<http://www.texasmicroscopy.org/root/Smallgrant.html>

