



Chemical Structure Association Trust

Grant Program

The Chemical Structure Association Trust (CSA Trust) is an internationally recognized, registered charity established in 1988 to promote and support the use of chemical structure information and computer technologies for the advancement of drug discovery and scientific research.

In support of its charter, the Trust has created a unique Grant Program for scientists ages thirty-five or younger who have demonstrated excellence in research related to the storage, retrieval, and analysis of chemical structures, reactions, and compounds. One or more Grants are awarded annually up to a combined maximum of ten thousand U.S. dollars (\$10,000). Since its inception, more than twenty-two students and researchers worldwide have benefited from the CSA Trust Grant Program to further their research work.

The Trust also provides bursaries for specific purposes such as student travel to the triennial International Conference on Chemical Structures held in Noordwijkerhout, Holland. In addition, the Trust offers the prestigious Mike Lynch Award every three years to recognize and encourage outstanding accomplishments in education and R&D activities that have contributed significantly to the advancement of knowledge regarding chemical structures and their properties. The recipient(s) of the Mike Lynch Award are recognized at the Noordwijkerhout conference.

What recipients say about the Grant:

"Young researchers need all the help they can get, as the odds are stacked against them - the CSA Trust Grants are a lifeline and an encouragement during some difficult years. The Grant allowed me to attend and present my work at an international conference, the German Conference on Chemoinformatics. Perhaps more importantly, it enhanced my CV at a time when I was establishing my research career as it showed that the quality of my work was highly regarded on an international level." Dr. Noel O'Boyle, University College Cork, Cork, Ireland, 2010 Grant Recipient.

"As a newly graduated post-doc working in chemoinformatics, the CSA Trust Grant was a boost in providing facilities to execute my research plan. A number of members of the Trust took time to discuss research with me, and their guidance gave me confidence and motivation. Being awarded the CSA Trust Grant jump-started my professional career, which sees benefits to this day." Dr. J. B. Brown, Kyoto University, 2011 Grant Recipient.

"This grant gave me the opportunity to interact internationally with the world's most recognized scientists. In my early career as a researcher I have this Grant to thank for the new collaborations that I made during my grant. It has expanded my horizons." Dr. Aaron Thornton, CSIRO Australia, 2013 Grant Recipient.

"The CSA Trust Grant allowed me to attend the Cresset European User Group Meeting where I had the opportunity of meeting the Cresset software developers and other Cresset users. I learned more about the software and discussed new methodologies that my research team can now use to improve our virtual screening protocol." Aleix Gimeno Vives, Doctoral student, Universitat Rovira I Virgili, Tarragona, Spain, 2015 Grant Recipient.

Mike Lynch Award Recipients

2014: Steve Heller, Alan McNaught, Igor Pletnev, Steve Stein, Dmitrii Tchekhovskoi, InChI Code Development Team

2011: Engelbert Zass, ETH Zürich, Switzerland

2008: Alexander (Sandy) Lawson, Elsevier, Germany

2005: Johann Gasteiger, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany

2002: Peter Willett, Sheffield University, UK

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Grant Sponsorship Opportunities

The Trust is now seeking sponsors for Grants to be awarded in 2016. Sponsors of the CSA Trust Grant Program send a clear message to the worldwide chemical community that they support the career development of dedicated and talented young scientists who are helping to build a knowledge base for the advancement of drug discovery and scientific research through the analysis of chemical structures. In appreciation of such support the Trust will provide the following recognition through June 2017:

Bronze Level Sponsorship (Less than \$1,000)

- Sponsors will be recognized in all promotional materials related to the 2016 Grants
- Sponsors will be listed on the [CSA Trust Website](#) with a link to their own site
- Sponsors will be listed in the CSA Trust Newsletter

Silver Level Sponsorship (\$1,000 - \$2,999) – Bronze benefits plus

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- Sponsors will be listed in promotional materials related to symposia and workshops offered by the CSA Trust and will be recognized at such meetings, including joint symposia held at national meetings of the American Chemical Society
- Sponsors will be listed in all promotional materials related to the 2017 call for Grant Proposals
- Sponsors will be recognized at the Mike Lynch Award presentation during the 2017 International Conference on Chemical Structures

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- Sponsors can brand a specific Grant

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