



**INNOVATIVE PROJECT GRANTS
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2009 PROPOSAL

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Please send the completed form by:
FEBRUARY 1 for spring submission to division@acs.org.

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Date: 1-31-09	Division Name: Division of Chemical Technicians
Project Title: TECH, NCTA, and CTA Anniversary Event	
Start Date: (MM/DD/YY) 01/2/2009	Completion Date: (MM/DD/YY) 09-1-09
Division Chair: Debbie Bailey	
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Requested Funding: \$ 7500 ((\$7500 max per project, Up to 2 projects totaling \$12,500 per division))	

Project Goal (Please provide description of project goal in 250 words or less.)

The Division of Chemical Technicians and Committee on Technician Affairs (CTA) are in the initial planning stages for co-sponsoring an Anniversary event at the Fall 2009 national meeting in honor of CTA's 45th anniversary as an ACS committee. This event would also recognize TECH's 15th anniversary as a full division of the ACS, and the 20th anniversary of the NCTA (National Chemical Technician Award), which was originally administered and sponsored by the CTA. The NCTA, the only national award for chemical technicians, is given annually to a technician who has demonstrated an extremely high degree of professionalism as a chemical technician. As a part of this anniversary event, eight NCTA recipients would be invited to participate in a panel discussion on their work and the effect that the award has had on their lives and careers. In addition, eight CTA / TECH past chairs would be invited for another panel discussion centered around technician career paths in industry (or a similar topic). The panel discussions will be in conjunction with a Celebration Reception to honor TECH, CTA, and NCTA. This celebration will mark technician's milestones in ACS.

Project Background

2009 marks a number of important anniversaries for technicians in the ACS. It is most appropriate that they be celebrated at a Anniversary event at the fall national meeting. TECH and CTA initiated the idea of an Anniversary Event to be held at the fall national ACS meeting in honor of TECH's, CTA's, and NCTA's anniversaries. As part of the event, TECH would like to invite the eight past recipients of the NCTA to talk about their work and to

participate in a panel discussion on the effect that the award has had on their lives and careers. In addition, eight CTA / TECH past chairs would be invited for another panel discussion centered around technician career paths in industry (or a similar topic). Several of the past NCTA recipients and CTA / TECH past chairs are retired and would have to cover all of their own travel expenses. In order for the event to be successful, it is vital that a majority of the past recipients are able to participate. TECH would like to offer travel awards to those who are unable to get employer support to come to the meeting. The travel award would be paid in the form of reimbursement and range from \$500 - \$1000, depending on need. In conjunction with the panel discussion, a Celebration Reception would be held to honor TECH, CTA, and NCTA. At the Celebration Reception, several TECH members and ACS staff members who have made significant contributions to the success of CTA and TECH will be awarded Salute to Excellence Awards. (Other awards that will be presented are the TECH Distinguished Service Award and Technician Affiliate Group awards.)

Project Outline

Overview: Invite eight past NCTA recipients and eight past CTA /TECH Past-Chairs to the 2009 fall national ACS meeting to participate in panel discussions and a Celebration Reception. Offer partial funding from the grant to help cover travel expenses for those who are unable to get employer support to attend. Funding will also be used to plan a Celebration Reception to honor TECH, CTA, and NCTA.

Objective: This Anniversary Event will formally recognize technician's milestones in ACS and promote professionalism of chemical technicians while showcasing The careers of successful chemical technicians will be showcased through two panel discussions of NCTA recipients and past CTA/TECH chairs and at a Celebration Reception.

Budget: (Attach spreadsheet if necessary)

TECH and CTA would like to offer up to \$1250 in travel reimbursement to those NCTA recipients and past CTA/TECH chairs who are unable to get employer sponsorship to travel to the meeting. The amount offered would be limited to grants/funding TECH receives for this event plus up to \$3000 from TECH's own funds. Although potentially \$20,000 could be requested in travel funds, we estimate (based on previous experience) that actual requests will amount to about \$15,000. In addition, the Celebration Reception may cost up to \$5000. TECH also plans to apply for a Corporate Association grant to help defray the costs.