



## Joint Fall Meeting of the Texas Sections of the APS and AAPT, and Zone 13 the SPS

October 4 - 6, 2001

Texas Christian University; Fort Worth, Texas



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The Joint Fall Meeting of the Texas Sections of the AAPT and APS, and Zone 13 SPS will be hosted by Texas Christian University on October 4-6, 2001.

### Especially for Students

There are several special programs to encourage and support student participation at the meeting.

### Free Lunch with Speakers

A new feature at this meeting especially for students is the "Free Lunch with Speakers." The Texas Section executive committee decided to provide funds to make the traditional lunch on Friday FREE for students. Students just have to follow the instructions and PRE-REGISTER to get the free lunch ticket. Sorry, no free lunch if you don't pre-register. But wait, there's more. . . students who pre-register can sign up on a first-come basis on Thursday evening or Friday morning at the registration desk for one of seven spaces at one of the speakers' tables. This will give you an excellent opportunity to meet one of the prominent scientists invited to speak at the meeting.

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### Student Presentation Award Competition

The Texas Section of the American Physical Society supports from its operating fund a competition for the best student presentations at the annual Fall meeting. The TSAPS executive committee is pleased to announce that it has raised the award level to \$200. There will be several awards for outstanding presentations by both undergraduate and graduate students in the APS contributed paper sessions. Awards will be given in both the poster and the oral presentation sessions with equal probability of winning in either type presentation. All students presenting papers are encouraged to compete for a presentation award.

### Requirements to Compete

Students must do three things to compete:

- (1) On the electronic abstract form, students must be listed as the first author and presenter of the paper;
- (2) In the "Special Instructions" {} line, students must enter "Graduate

competition" or "Undergraduate competition" as appropriate. If you do not indicate on the electronic abstract form that you are competing for an award, your paper will not be judged.

(3) Students must pre-register for the meeting by the deadline of September 4 and indicate that they are competing for an award on the [PRE-REGISTRATION FORM](#), available with this announcement or downloadable in PDF form from the web page.

NOTE: Your mailing address and e-mail address must be on both the electronic abstract form and the pre-registration form. You may submit several papers, but may compete on only one paper and you must be sure to indicate the presentation you want to be judged.

Dr. C. A. Quarles will be coordinating the judging of the presentation awards. If have any questions about the award programs, contact Dr. C. A. Quarles at [c.quarles@tcu.edu](mailto:c.quarles@tcu.edu).

### Student Travel Awards

Students who enter the Presentation Award Competition, will automatically be considered for a travel award. These travel awards will be \$100 for students from outside the immediate greater Dallas/Fort Worth meeting area and \$50 from within that area. We are trying to support as many students as possible, but the available funds are limited. Generally, they will just supplement what departments can provide.

In addition to the three requirements for entering the student presentation award competition listed above, there are two additional requirements to be eligible for travel award.

(1) By the registration deadline of September 4, 2001, students must have their supervisor or department chair submit a letter by E-mail in support of a travel award. The letter should say if other travel funds are provided to supplement our award. This will not detract from receiving an award and actually may improve the chance to receive one. A single letter in support of more than one student from the same institution is permitted, provided each student is described. The letter should have Support for Travel Award as the subject and should be sent to: [c.quarles@tcu.edu](mailto:c.quarles@tcu.edu)

(2) Students must indicate on the [PRE-REGISTRATION FORM](#) that they are either an active member of the Texas Section of the APS or that they are taking the steps outlined below to join the Texas Section before the meeting. Proof of membership will be required before the travel award check is issued.

NOTIFICATION OF AWARD: Recipients of a travel award will be notified by mail approximately one week before the meeting, and the award checks will be available at the registration desk upon presenting evidence of membership in the Texas Section of the APS.

### How to Join the Texas Section

Graduate and undergraduate students may take advantage of the APS one-year free trial membership when joining the Texas Section of the APS and the APS for the first time. Students can download the free trial application from the APS website <http://www.aps.org/memb/students.html>. If you have already used your one time trial membership and then let your membership lapse, you can reinstate your membership by downloading the application at <http://www.aps.org/memb/joinaps.html> and paying the \$25 dues required for student membership.

**IMPORTANT:** When you join or reinstate your APS membership, be sure to write Texas Section in under the UNITS section to indicate that you want to join the Texas Section. There is no additional charge for joining the Texas Section. Student what a deal! Pay \$25 to get all the APS and Texas Section APS benefits and then maybe get a travel award for \$50 to \$100.

### Websites

<http://www.aps.org/TSAPS/>  
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