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American Committee on Arthropod-Borne Viruses (ACAV) Kelly Labell Student Travel Award Application Guidelines



The Kelly Labell Student Travel Award is presented by the ASTMH's American Committee on Arthropod-Borne Viruses (ACAV) to one graduate student each year who is conducting research on Eastern Equine encephalitis or other mosquito-borne viral disease, preferably one associated with an encephalitic syndrome.

This award is made possible through the generous donation of the Labell family of Raymond, New Hampshire, whose daughter, Kelly, suffered a fatal Eastern Equine encephalitis viral infection in 2005. Since the tragic loss of their daughter, the Labell family, including the board of directors for the Kelly Labell Encephalitis Fund Inc., has and continues to support activities that seek to prevent and control Eastern Equine encephalitis. Both ACAV and ASTMH deeply appreciate their selfless generosity in the hopes that others will be spared needless suffering and losses.

Online application site - Beginning March 14, applications can be submitted [online](#)
Application deadline – May 3, 2012

Award Information - The recipient will present his or her studies at the November 2012 Annual Meeting and will receive a complimentary registration (valued at approximately \$175) and \$2000 US to pay for travel and lodging to attend the meeting. Every applicant will receive notification of the award status in July, 2012.

Eligibility Requirements - Eligibility is limited to graduate students whose research is on Eastern Equine encephalitis, and/or on other mosquito-borne viral diseases. The award recipient will present his or her research either orally or as a poster during the Society's Annual Meeting.

Application Process

Applicants must submit:

- Abstract with the abstract number assigned by the ASTMH abstract submission site, example: 12-A-1234-ASTMH. The abstract submission site is available via link at <http://www.astmh.org/Home.htm> – *Submit your abstract to the online abstract submission site by the May 3 abstract submission deadline.*
- Recommendation letter from their major professor or research committee advisor.

The ACAV Kelly Labell Student Travel Award Committee will review and select the awardee based on the relevance and quality of the abstract and letter of recommendation.

The letter of recommendation must be uploaded directly to the application site by your major professor/faculty advisor. The site will prompt you to provide the name, mailing address, phone, fax and e-mail for the professor/advisor. The submission program will then generate an e-mail to said professor or advisor with instructions to upload the letter of recommendation to your application site.

Very important... It is very important that you gather the contact information for said professor or advisor prior to beginning your online submission. It is then your responsibility to communicate with this professor and/or advisor to ensure that he/she has received the e-mail generated by the submission site and has uploaded the letter by the May 3, 2012 deadline.

After May 3, any application that does not include the letter of recommendation will be considered incomplete and will not be forwarded to the review committee.

Finalizing your application... After entering all information into your online application and after your professor or advisor has uploaded the recommendation letter, please go to the REVIEW SUBMISSION page and scroll to the bottom. If all information has been entered correctly, you will see a drop-down menu at the bottom of the page. Select the response of COMPLETE in the drop-down menu and press SAVE. Your application will then be complete and ready for review.

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