



## Elsevier Student Book Award

**Application Deadline: June 17, 2009**

**Submit your application online beginning May 13, 2009.**

**Purpose:** To recognize excellence in clinically-oriented research presented by a student (within six months of completing undergraduate or master's level training, including medical undergraduate degrees) or person in graduate medical training, of work submitted and presented (oral or poster) at the ASTMH annual meeting.

### Eligibility Criteria:

1. The work must be submitted for presentation at the annual meeting.
2. The work must be presented by the student attending the annual meeting.
3. The work must have substantively been performed by the student.
4. The student must submit either: 1) a registrar's letter as proof of full-time student status, or 2) a letter certifying student status that identifies the institution name and is signed by the student's dean or department chair.
5. The student must submit a letter describing his/her interest in clinical tropical medicine.

**Selection:** A judging panel consisting of at least three members of the ASTMH Clinical Group (ACCTMTH – American Committee on Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers' Health), and a fourth member from Elsevier if they desire a representative or delegate. The panel will review the eligible abstracts, attend the oral presentation or review the poster, and grade the work on the following criteria: scientific content, quality of presentation, originality, and student contribution.

A five-point scale will be used in grading (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) with a maximum score of 20 from any one assessor. Panel members will recuse themselves from judging any entry if the student/trainee is from the same institution. The marks from the reviewers will be collated and the presentation with the highest score average will be awarded the prize. In the event of a tie score, the assessors will discuss the grading and a decision will be rendered in favor of one presenter. The usual safeguards against bias, influence and conflict of interest in the decision will be upheld. The president, or delegate, will hold the ultimate decision on the winning presentation.

**Book Award:** The book prize will have a value of \$350.00 and may be used to select from the current book list of Elsevier Press and will include any necessary delivery charges.

The award will be presented to the winner by the representative of Elsevier (or delegate) and the Clinical Group president at the Clinical Group annual business meeting. (Note: for eligible scientific presentations occurring after the Clinical Group business meeting, applicants will be invited to present to the assessors before the business meeting if possible. If all abstracts cannot be reviewed by panel members before the business meeting, the panel will award the prize after all abstracts can be reviewed.)

### Application Process:

Submit application materials by June 17 to the online application site at [http://www.astmh.org/Source/AM09/travel\\_awards.cfm](http://www.astmh.org/Source/AM09/travel_awards.cfm).

Collect all application materials prior to submitting them to the online awards system. Although you will be able to edit your award submission prior to the June 17 deadline, the submission process will be much easier if you collect all application materials prior to submission.

### Application Materials:

1. A cover letter from the student describing his/her interest in clinical tropical medicine. (3000 character limit)
2. The abstract to be considered for the Student Book Award, indicating abstract number assigned by submission site.
3. Either: 1) a registrar's letter as proof of full-time student, or 2) a letter certifying graduate student or medical training status that identifies the institution name and is signed by the dean or department chair. These letters must be uploaded by applicant to application site in pdf or Microsoft Word format.

**Questions?** Contact ASTMH headquarters at [info@astmh.org](mailto:info@astmh.org), phone +1-847-480-9592 or fax +1-847-480-9282.