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SIXTY-SEVENTH

ANNUAL MEETING

Sheraton New Orleans and New Orleans Marriott | New Orleans, LA USA

October 28 – November 1, 2018

TRAVEL AWARD GUIDELINES

"There will be epidemics…"

EBOLA: WORLD GOES ON RED ALERT
-2014

Six Dead, 17 Sick From Drug-Resistant TB
-2017

Spread of Spanish Flu Menaces War Production
-1918

Charity to Help Fight Malaria in Africa
-2010

Ebola Out of Control
-2014

Success in Tests of Yellow Fever Serum Reported
-1932

Dengue Dengue EVERYWHERE
-2017

ASTMH Annual Meeting Canceled Due to Spanish Flu Outbreak
-1918

FDA Busts Fake Malaria Medicines
-2013

African Countries to Plot New Malaria Vaccine
-2017

ZIKA THREAT ON OUR DOORSTEP
-2016

An American Plague: Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793
-2005

Island Declares State of Emergency Over Zika Virus, Dengue Fever Outbreak
-2016

Malaria Cases on the Rise in Last 3 Years
-2016

Brace for Dengue
-2017

Zika Spreads Worldwide
-2016

QUARANTINE WANTED as Yellow Fever Spreads
-1878

DIPHTHERIA: Why Is It Back?
-2017

New Hope for AIDS Drug
-1996

Officials: Texas Sees Growing Number of Typhus Cases
-2017

Death Toll Growing as Influenza Claims Many Score Victims
-1918

Cholera Epidemic in Yemen Now Affects One Million People
-2017

Panic as 1,500 Die of Malaria
-1998

Been to an Ebola-affected country? Stay away from ASTMH meeting, Louisiana says
-2014

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The American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) offers Travel Awards to qualified students, early career investigators and scientists actively working in the tropical medicine field to attend the Society's Annual Meeting. These awards facilitate participation for those who might not otherwise be able to attend. Selected recipients will enhance the overall scientific quality and learning potential of the meeting through their oral and poster presentations.

ASTMH thanks the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for their continued generous support of the ASTMH Travel Awards.

Patricia F. Walker, MD, DTM&H, FASTMH, 2017 President (center) and ASTMH/BMGF Travel awardees (not all awardees present)

OVERVIEW

Who is Eligible?

▸ All ASTMH members and non-members. Previous ASTMH travel awardees are not eligible.

▸ Non-U.S. citizens from Africa, Asia and Latin America are strongly encouraged to apply.

Selection Criteria

Awardees will be selected by the Travel Award Committee based on abstract quality, research results and the relevance of applicant's work to the field of tropical medicine. Award recipients participate in the meeting through oral or poster presentations. Notifications will be sent in mid-August, 2017.

Final Report

Awardees are required to submit a maximum two-page report within 30 days of the Annual Meeting outlining their meeting experience with respect to learning opportunities and professional development. Reports should be submitted to Rhonda Schultz, Coordinator, Awards and Fellowships, **rschultz@astmh.org**.

Application Process and Deadlines

This application process consists of two parts:
Part 1: Travel Award application (available **here** February 14, 2018)
Part 2: Abstract submission (available **here** February 21 2018)

Application Deadline March 28, 2018
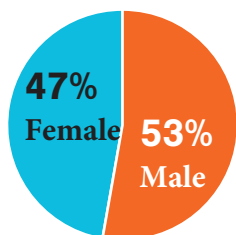
Award Notification

Applicants will be notified of Travel Award decisions in mid-August. Once notifications are issued, recipients are responsible for contacting the ASTMH travel agent to make their own arrangements. Award recipients participate in the meeting through oral or poster presentations.

Non-U.S. citizens receiving a Travel Award will be responsible for:

▸ Securing a passport that will remain valid for at least six months after the planned return travel date. For most award recipients, this date will be June 2019

▸ Contacting the U.S. Embassy or U.S. government office in their country of residence to arrange for all necessary travel documents (e.g., travel visas)

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INFORMATION NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION:

1. Information from applicant's curriculum vitae or resume
2. Statement explaining why applicant wants to attend the ASTMH meeting (limit 2,000 characters)
3. Abstract describing applicant's research
4. Travel information, including
   a. estimated round-trip travel costs to and from the meeting site
   b. city and airport where travel will originate
   c. mode of travel (air, car, bus, etc.)

Application Checklist

☑ Submit TRAVEL AWARD application **here** and mark your application COMPLETE by March 28

☑ Submit ABSTRACT to the abstract submission site **here** by March 28

☑ Submit abstract fee of $50 US by credit card via the abstract submission site (or make payment by check or bank transfer to be received by ASTMH by March 28)

❝ **The wealth of scientific research shared at the meeting will contribute substantially in my professional development** ❞

Yahya Derua, Kilimanjaro Christian Medical University College, United Republic of Tanzania

~2017 Travel Award Recipient

47% Female **53% Male**

2017 Travel Award Recipients

ASTMH Values and Promotes Diversity
The Society takes great pride in its diverse membership. Through its elected and appointed leaders, committee structure, awardees, Annual Meeting presenters, etc. ASTMH strongly encourages diversity with regard to gender, race/ethnicity, country, and organization (including academia, governmental and non-governmental institutions, and for-profit companies).

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY 14
Travel Award application site opens

FEBRUARY 21
Abstract submission site opens

MARCH 28
Travel Award application deadline (including abstract submission and payment)

MID AUGUST
Travel Award acceptance notices sent

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Paul Farmer, MD, PhD

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Gather all application materials prior to online submission. Although it is possible to edit the Travel Award application prior to the March 28 deadline, the submission process will be more efficient if the complete application is posted in one session.

There are two parts to the award application:

Part 1: TRAVEL AWARD application

Part 2: ABSTRACT submission — which requires a description of research and complete author information

Both parts of the process involve setup of a username and password. The username and password for the TRAVEL AWARD application site *will be different* than the username and password for the ABSTRACT submission site. Applicants are encouraged to take note of usernames and passwords when accessing each site so the information can be referenced later if necessary.

Part 1: TRAVEL AWARD application available **here** on February 14.
The first step is to submit the TRAVEL AWARD application. All TRAVEL AWARD applications must be completed by March 28 in order to be considered.

▸ After entering all the information online, go to the REVIEW SUBMISSION page and scroll to the bottom. If all information has been entered correctly, a drop-down menu will appear at the bottom of the page. Select COMPLETE in the drop-down menu and click SAVE. The application will then be complete and ready for review.

▸ For applicants who plan to submit more than one abstract for consideration for presentation at the Annual Meeting, select *only one* abstract to include in the Travel Award application.

Part 2: ABSTRACT submission available **here** February 21
Abstracts must be submitted through the ABSTRACT submission site by March 28.
The ABSTRACT submission site will assign an abstract number using the general format 18-A-NUMBER-ASTMH (example: 18-A-1234-ASTMH) — take note of this abstract number. Applicants will need this abstract number for the TRAVEL AWARD application site.

Please note a $50 US submission fee is required. To apply for a Travel Award, the abstract and fee must be submitted by March 28. **If the abstract fee is not paid by March 28, the application will not be considered for review.**

Only abstracts submitted to the ABSTRACT submission site will be considered. If multiple applicants submit the same abstract as part of their application, *the applications will not be considered for funding.*

> ❝ **I was able to share my work on the international stage** ❞
>
> *Tahmina Ahmed, International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh*
>
> *~2017 Travel Award Recipient*

> ❝ **I met researchers from Columbia University working on drug resistance in malaria and made contacts for post-doctoral research in the foreseeable future.** ❞
>
> *John Okombo, University of Cape Town, South Africa*
>
> *~2017 Travel Award Recipient*

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IMPORTANT!

▶ Travel Award funds provided by ASTMH must be used to support travel, lodging and other expenses directly associated with participation at the Annual Meeting.

▶ The Travel Award requires attendance at the entire Annual Meeting from Sunday, October 28 through Thursday, November 1, 2018.

▶ All paid abstracts submitted to the abstract submission site as part of a Travel Award application will be automatically reviewed by the Scientific Program Committee.

▶ Abstracts accepted for presentation will be printed in the Program Book, Abstract Book and Online Program Planner.

▶ If an applicant does not receive a Travel Award, the submitted abstract may still be accepted for presentation via the Scientific Program Committee review process. If accepted, the abstract will be printed in the Program Book, Abstract Book and Online Program Planner.

▶ Abstract withdrawals cannot be removed from the Program Book, Abstract Book and Online Program Planner. Abstract withdrawals will be announced in the Program Update, which is issued on site.

HELPFUL HINTS

Internet Browser

The preferred browsers for this application system are Internet Explorer and Firefox. Do not use the Google Chrome browser to complete this application; it is not compatible with the application system.

Copying and Pasting Text from Microsoft Word

When completing the curriculum vitae, abstract and questions sections of the travel award application, follow these instructions when copying and pasting text from Microsoft Word:

▶ Before pasting text into a field, first click the clipboard icon with the "W" that appears in the middle of the tool bar above the text field. Once this icon is clicked, a pop-up window will appear where text can be pasted. Click the cursor in the box to enable pasting.

▶ If the character limit for a field has been exceeded click the clipboard icon with the "T" that appears in the middle of the tool bar above the text field. Once this icon is clicked, a pop-up window will appear where text can be pasted. Click the cursor in the box to enable pasting.

▶ There may be hidden formatting code counting against the character limit for a particular field when copying and pasting. To view the hidden code, click the HTML button in the tool bar above the field. Delete any formatting code that appears in the field. This action might cause formatting (i.e., bold, underline, etc.) to be lost, but the reviewers are more interested in the content of the response than in the format of the response.

▶ If problems persist when pasting text into a field, save the text in a text file or in a notepad FILE. These files will eliminate all formatting commands (i.e., bold, underline, etc.). Return to the application submission site and paste the text into the field and use the tool bar to format

QUESTIONS?

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ASTMH 2017 Virtual Reality Exhibit

❝This type of support is critical to my success❞

Ross Boyce, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, United States

~2017 Travel Award Recipient