



ASTMH Young Investigator Awards



Each year, ASTMH recognizes the work of outstanding young investigators through the presentation of the Young Investigator Award, a yearly competition held during the first day of the Annual Meeting. This award encourages young scientists to pursue careers in various aspects of tropical disease research. Winners receive *up to* \$1,500 cash award, First-Tier Mentions receive *up to* \$1,000 cash award and Honorable Mentions receive *up to* \$750 cash award. Thank you to Pfizer and to the individual donors who help make the Young Investigators Award initiative possible. **Previous Young Investigator Award recipients are NOT eligible to apply again.**

Online application site – Beginning March 20, [submit your application online](#)

Abstract Submission deadline: April 17

Young Investigator Award Application deadline: April 24

Instructions for the Two-Step Application Process

Step 1: Annual Meeting Abstract Submission Site

To be considered for this award, applicants must submit an abstract for the Annual Meeting. Abstracts must be submitted and paid for by **April 17** to the [online ABSTRACT site](#). The ABSTRACT site will assign an abstract number. The format will be 24-A-1234-ASTMH. The abstract number will be needed for the YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD submission site.

Only one abstract per applicant, please.

(ASTMH Travel Awards are available to help fund expenses for the Annual Meeting. [Check this site](#) to see if you are eligible.)

Step 2: Young Investigator Award Submission Site

[The Young Investigator Award application site](#) will open March 20. Submissions are due by **April 24**. Complete the online application and upload the [supervisor/mentor form](#), signed by your supervisor/mentor. Please upload a 2x2 high-resolution headshot photo that will be used on signage at the Annual Meeting.

New in 2023! The number of abstracts selected will be limited to the first 90 complete applications submitted. You will be notified by email in early May if you have been selected to participate in the Young Investigator Award competition.

Username and Password - Please note that the username and password for the ABSTRACT submission site and the YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD application submission site ARE NOT THE SAME. A separate username and password will be required for each site.

Very important...The Young Investigator Award Competition is in addition to presenting as either a poster or oral session during the Annual Meeting.

Application Criteria

- Open to ASTMH members only. Not a member? [Join today](#) at the greatly reduced trainee/post-doctoral member rate of \$25 or undergraduate member rate of \$15 prior to submission.
- The applicant must submit their abstract to the [Abstract Submission Site](#) by April 17.
- The applicant must have completed the majority of work that is reported in the accepted abstract as an undergraduate, graduate student or during the first two years of postdoctoral study. Status would be 1) undergraduate (indicate year), 2) medical school or graduate student (indicate year), 3) post-doc (indicate year), 4) medical resident/intern/fellow (indicate year in post-MD training program). (For a young scientist with only a medical degree, the two years refers to the actual time spent performing research. The time spent as an intern/resident is not considered part of the two years.)
- The applicant must have had a primary role in the reported experimentation, as evidenced by first-author status on the abstract.
- The YIA applicant must be the person presenting at the meeting. If you are unable to attend in-person then your abstract will be withdrawn from the YIA competition. However, a colleague or your mentor can still present your abstract at the general meeting.
- If you are also submitting an abstract for the Clinical Research Award, your abstract and project presented must be different for the YIA competition.
- Detailed presentation instructions will be sent to successful applicants in August/September.
- This award competition is limited to researchers who have not yet received a faculty appointment. Applicants who are faculty at the time of the competition are asked to recuse themselves.
- **If you have previously been a Young Investigator Award recipient (i.e., you received a cash award) you are NOT eligible to compete again.**



ASTMH Young Investigator Award Mentor/Supervisor Form

By April 24: [Upload this form to the Young Investigator Award submission site](#)

Required: This form must be signed by the individual responsible for supervising the applicant's research.

I confirm that (applicant's name) _____
completed the majority of work reported in the abstract as an undergraduate, graduate student or early
postdoctoral researcher.

Abstract Number (assigned by abstract submission site) _____

Mentor/Supervisor Information

Mentor/Supervisor Name _____

Mentor/Supervisor Title _____

Mentor/Supervisor Signature _____ Date _____

Mentor/Supervisor Email _____

Applicant Information

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Institution _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Postal Code, Country _____

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