

## **Purpose**

The William Trager Award, established by the ACMCIP in 2015, recognizes a fundamental breakthrough in molecular, cellular or immunoparasitology. This annual award is named in honor of Prof. William Trager, PhD, a past President of ASTMH, who established *in vitro* culture conditions for *Plasmodium* parasites and thereby directly enabled almost all of the current fields of basic and applied malaria research.

## **Eligibility**

The award is open to any researcher more than five years removed from his or her PhD. It is explicitly not a career recognition award, but rather honors a specific scientific breakthrough in basic molecular, cellular or immunoparasitology that has far-reaching implications. The central finding must have been published, usually with the nominee as corresponding author, no less than two and no more than 15 years before the date of nomination.

## **Funding and Announcement**

This annual award carries an honorarium of \$1,000. The awardee can use the funds for any purpose, including travel to the ASTMH Annual Meeting (registration waived). The awardee will be announced during the ASTMH's Annual Meeting opening Awards Ceremony, and the award will be given at ACMCIP's Business Meeting, following the ACMCIP annual symposium.

## **Application requirements**

- ASTMH members and non-members may submit nominations; the nominee does not need to be an ASTMH member
- Joint nominations will be considered if the stated breakthrough is clearly a joint effort, as usually indicated by co-submission of the critical paper
- Nominations must include:
  - brief CV (four page maximum)
  - Letter of nomination that clearly states the timing and significance of the stated breakthrough and succinctly explains why the nominee is a suitable recipient
  - Hi-resolution recent photo
- Application deadline: June 7, 2021

## **Determination**

Nominations will be reviewed by a Selection Panel, chaired by the ACMCIP Immediate Past President and at least two other senior researchers with expertise within the ACMCIP remit. The William Trager Awardee for a given year will be invited to serve on the Selection Panel in the subsequent year. The Selection Panel will be balanced regarding gender and ethnicity reflective of ACMCIP membership. The Panel is empowered to add a member(s) if specific scientific expertise is required. If no suitable applicant is identified in a given year, no award will be made.