



American Committee on Arthropod-Borne Viruses (ACAV) Student/Post-Doc Travel Awards

Up to seven individuals will be presented the ACAV student/post-doc travel awards by the ASTMH's American Committee on Arthropod-Borne Viruses (ACAV). Applicants must be either graduate students or post-doctoral fellows who are actively conducting arbovirus research. Recipients will be awarded up to \$500 to defray costs associated with attending the meeting and a complimentary meeting registration.

Submitting online application - Applications can be submitted [online](#) beginning February 26

Application deadline – April 8, 2020

Award Information - The recipients will present their studies at the 2020 ASTMH Annual Meeting (November 15-19, 2020, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, Ontario, Canada) and will receive up to \$500 US to help defray costs to attend the meeting and a complimentary registration. Recipients will be invited to attend the President's Reception held during the Annual Meeting. Every applicant will receive a notification of the award status in early fall 2020.

Eligibility Requirements - Eligibility is limited to graduate students or post-doctoral fellows who are actively conducting arbovirus research. The award recipients will present their research either orally or as a poster during the 69th Annual Meeting. Additionally, award recipients will present "lightning talks" about their research as part of the ACAV Annual Business Meeting that takes place during the ASTMH meeting. Award recipients are required to attend the full Annual Meeting to receive their award. One award recipient will be offered the opportunity to serve as an ACAV Trainee-Councilor for the following year.

Application Process

Applicants must submit:

- A cover letter describing the applicants interest in arbovirology (approximately 2,500-character limit).
- Description of financial need for the conference (approximate 1,500-character limit) and how the applicant will benefit from the ACAV travel award.
- Abstract with the abstract number assigned by the ASTMH abstract submission site, for example: 20-A-1234-ASTMH. The abstract submission site is available [here](#) – **Applicants**

should submit and pay their abstract fee to the online abstract submission site by the April 8 abstract submission deadline.

- Recommendation letter in pdf or Microsoft Word format on letterhead from their major professor or research committee advisor.
- Curriculum Vitae.
- 2x2 high-resolution headshot photo to be used on signage at the Annual Meeting.

The ACAV Student Travel Award Committee will review and select the awardees based on the relevance and quality of the abstract, financial need and letter of recommendation.

The letter of recommendation must be uploaded directly to the application site by the applicant's major professor/faculty advisor. The site will prompt the applicant to provide the name, mailing address, phone, fax and e-mail for their 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 the application site.

Very important ... Applicants must gather the contact information for said professor or advisor prior to beginning their online submission. It is then the applicant's 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 April 8, 2020 deadline.

After April 8, 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 the online application and after the 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, the applicant 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. The application will then be complete and ready for review.

Questions? Contact:

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