



## American Committee of Molecular, Cellular and Immunoparasitology Travel Award for Low/Low-Middle Income (LMIC) Trainees

The ACMCIP student travel award will recognize a student or trainee primarily living and working in a Low/Low-Middle Income Country (LMIC), not based full-time in a US or European research institute. The applicant must be a member of ACMCIP, and submit an abstract to the ASTMH Annual Meeting in the fields of molecular, cellular or immunoparasitology research. The goal is to encourage LMIC trainees who are conducting basic parasitology research and to provide funding for him/her to participate in the Annual Meeting. This ACMCIP student/trainee travel award will be awarded each year by the ACMCIP at the Annual Meeting of the ASTMH.

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

**Application deadline** – April 8, 2020

**Award Information** - The recipient will present his or her studies at the 2020 ASTMH Annual Meeting (November 15-19, 2020, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, ON, Canada) and will receive up to \$1000 US to help defray registration and travel costs to attend the meeting and a complimentary registration. Every applicant will receive a notification of the award status in the summer of 2020.

### Eligibility Requirements

- The award is open to any researcher who is a trainee (a student - MS, MD, DPharm or PhD or post-doctoral fellow within four years of graduation from their final degree).
- Applicant must be primarily living and working in a [Low/Low-Middle Income Country](#), not based full-time in a US or European research institute.
- Applicant must be a member of ASTMH and ACMCIP. If you are not a current member of ASTMH or the ACMCIP, [join now](#).
- The applicant must submit an abstract to the ASTMH Annual Meeting in the fields of molecular, cellular or immunoparasitology research. The award recipient will present his/her research either orally or as a poster during the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and during one of the ACMCIP scientific sessions. Applicants should plan on attending the entire meeting, November 15-19, 2020.

## Application Process

Applicants must submit:

- A cover letter describing how the applicant's research fits with the interests of ACMCIP, and how their career will benefit from this travel award (approximately 5,000 character limit).
- Curriculum Vitae.
- Abstract with the abstract number assigned by the ASTMH abstract submission site, example: 20-A-1234-ASTMH. The abstract submission site is available [here](#) – ***Applicants should submit and pay their abstract 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. The letter should explain the importance of the trainee's research.
- 2x2 high-resolution headshot photo to be used on signage at the Annual Meeting.

The ACMCIP Travel Award for LMIC Trainees Committee will review and select the awardee based on research excellence and the potential impact on the trainee's research career. The awardee will be notified 2-3 months prior to the meeting, allowing sufficient time for visa processing and travel arrangements. The awardee will be invited to attend the awards session of the ACMCIP Executive Council Meeting and to the President's Reception.

## 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 including the cover letter and CV 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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