



## **American Committee of Medical Entomology (ACME) ACME Young Investigator Travel Awards**

ACME works to promote medical entomology within ASTMH and in organizations whose scopes of activities include the area of human diseases transmitted by arthropods. We seek opportunities to emphasize and expand the contributions of medical entomology to tropical medicine and also to appropriately recognize outstanding contributions by next-generation medical entomologists.

ACME is soliciting applications for its Young Investigator Travel Awards and encourages applicants at the Masters, Doctoral and Post-doctoral level to apply. Three recipients will be chosen according to a rigorous review process by the ACME Young Investigator Travel Awards committee, including any decisions related to eligibility of applicants for award type. Three awards will be given according to: 1) the top graduate level (Masters and Doctoral); 2) the top post-doctoral level; and 3) the top international investigator.

All recipients will be awarded a complimentary registration and a cash prize to support travel and accommodation to attend the ASTMH Annual Meeting November 5-9, 2017 at the Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD. During the ASTMH Annual Meeting, the selected winners will present either orally or in a poster format his or her research that must involve arthropods of medical importance. Announcement of award winners will be made during the ACME Annual Business Annual Meeting. Recipients will be invited to attend the President's Reception held during the Annual Meeting.

### **The following criteria must be met for eligibility and will be considered in the application review process:**

- significance and quality of presentation abstract
- career level (graduate, post-doc)
- country of primary institution (specific for the International Award)
- financial need
- letter of recommendation

### **Timeline:**

- **Online application site** - Beginning March 1, applications can be submitted [online](#)
- **Application deadline** – April 12, 2017
- **Notification** - Award notices will be sent in late summer, 2017.

## **Award Type and Information**

### **I. YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD - GRADUATE (Masters or Doctoral Career Level in 2017)**

The recipient will be awarded a complimentary registration and *up to* \$900 US to support travel and accommodation costs to attend the ASTMH Annual Meeting to present his or her studies. The award will be presented at the ACME Annual Business Annual Meeting.

### **II. YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD - POST-DOCTORAL (2015-2017 Graduates)**

The recipient will be awarded a complimentary registration and *up to* \$900 US to support travel and accommodation costs to attend the ASTMH Annual Meeting to present his or her studies. The award will be presented at the ACME Annual Business Annual Meeting.

### **III. YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD – INTERNATIONAL (Country of primary institution must be non-U.S.)**

ACME is pleased to announce a special award for international students. The recipient will be awarded a complimentary registration and *up to* \$2000 US to support travel and accommodation costs to attend the ASTMH Annual Meeting to present his or her studies. The award will be presented at the ACME Annual Business Meeting.

## **Application Instructions:**

Collect all application materials prior to submitting them to the online awards system. Although the applicant will be able to edit his or her award submission prior to the April 12 deadline, the submission process will be much easier if the applicant collects all application materials prior to submission.

## **Application materials:**

- A cover letter describing the applicants research interest in medical entomology (approximately 2,500 character limit)
- Description of financial need for the conference (approximately 1,500 character limit) and how the applicant will benefit from the ACME travel award
- A copy of the applicants ASTMH Annual Meeting abstract, with the abstract number assigned by the [abstract submission site](#), example: 17-A-1234-ASTMH - ***Applicants should submit and pay their abstract to the online abstract submission site by the April 12 abstract submission deadline.***
- Letter of recommendation in pdf or Microsoft Word format from a major professor or faculty advisor on letterhead. Please be sure that this person's full contact information is included in the letter or is listed on the letterhead.
- 2x2 high-resolution headshot photo to be used on signage at the Annual Meeting

**Very important...**The letter of recommendation must be uploaded directly to the ASTMH application site by the applicant's major professor/faculty advisor. The submission site will ask the applicant to provide the name, mailing address, phone, fax and e-mail for the professor/advisor. The submission program will then generate an e-mail to this person with instructions to upload the letter of recommendation to the ASTMH application site. It is very important that the applicant gathers the contact information for this person prior to beginning

their online submission. It is then the applicant's responsibility to communicate with this professor/advisor to ensure that he/she has received the e-mail generated by the submission site and has uploaded the letter by the April 12 deadline.

***After April 12, any application that does not include the letter of recommendation will be considered incomplete and will not be forwarded to the review committee.***

**Finalizing the application:**

After entering all information into the online application and after all document uploads are complete, go to the REVIEW SUBMISSION page and scroll down to the bottom. If all information has been entered correctly, a drop-down menu will appear 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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