

# ANNUAL MEETING

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## ASTMH Young Investigator Awards

Each year, ASTMH recognizes the work of outstanding young investigators through the presentation of the Young Investigator Award, a competition held at the Annual Meeting. This award encourages young scientists to pursue careers in various aspects of tropical disease research. Winners receive a \$900 cash award, First-Tier Mentions receive a \$600 cash award and Honorable Mentions receive a \$450 cash award.

*Please note that applicants must be current members of ASTMH. Not a member? [Join today](#) at the greatly reduced trainee/post-doctoral member rate of \$25 or undergraduate member rate of \$15.*

**Online application site** – Beginning February 27, submit application [online](#)

**Application deadline** – April 10, 2019

### 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. The abstract submission site will open in late February. Abstracts must be submitted and paid for by April 10 to the [online ABSTRACT site](#). The ABSTRACT site will assign an abstract number. The format will be 19-A-1234-ASTMH. This number will be needed for the YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD submission site.

Only one abstract per application, please.

#### Step 2: Young Investigator Award Submission Site

[The Young Investigator Award application site](#) will open February 27. Submissions are due by April 10. 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.

**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 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. (For a young scientist with 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.
- This award competition is limited to researchers that have not yet received a faculty appointment. Applicants who are on faculty at the time of the competition are asked to recuse themselves.

## **Competition Information**

- ***All applicants will make a poster presentation during the Young Investigator Award Competition on Wednesday, November 20 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Poster set-up will begin at 9:00 am.*** Applicants will be divided into presentation groups. Each applicant will have five minutes to make a poster presentation.
- Please note that the abstract submitted for oral or poster presentation at the Annual Meeting will be the same abstract presented as a poster at the Young Investigator Award competition.
- The three highest scoring poster presenters from each presentation group will make a 15-minute ***oral presentation*** (with PowerPoint slides) of their abstract. Presentation length should be no more than 10 minutes with 5 minutes for questions and answers for a total of 15 minutes.
- The Young Investigator Award recipients will be acknowledged by name at the opening plenary session on Wednesday, November 20. Award recipients will be invited to attend the President's Reception held during the Annual Meeting.
- Detailed presentation instructions will be sent to successful applicants in August/September.
- No written critiques of presentations will be provided. Competitors are welcome to reach out to individual judges for feedback after the competition.

## **Final Report**

Awardees are required to submit a one to two-page report within 30 days of the Young Investigator Award competition outlining their meeting experience with respect to career opportunities and professional development. Reports should be submitted to Buffy Finn, Member Services Administrator, [bfinn@astmh.org](mailto:bfinn@astmh.org).