

### **ACMCIP Award for Advanced Training**

This ACMCIP-sponsored award is designed to defray travel expenses for trainees to attend practical training courses in the fields of molecular, cellular or immunoparasitology. Trainees can use the award to attend any post-graduate level training course of at least one day in duration. To avoid conflicts of interest in selection, ASTMH Pre-Meeting Courses are not courses that can be supported by this award.

### **Goals**

To encourage trainees to explore new parasitological systems, gain hands-on skills, obtain advanced knowledge in cutting-edge research topics and technologies and make new collaborative connections.

### **Funding**

Up to \$750 will be provided to offset the recipient's registration, travel and accommodations expenses at the course meeting site.

### **Selection**

The recipient will be chosen on the basis of research excellence and the relevance of the course to his/her training. Following completion of the course, the awardee will write a brief report on his/her participation and an evaluation of the learning experience, and will summarize that experience at the ACMCIP Council Meeting in the subsequent year.

### **Public Announcement**

Awarded at the ACMCIP Annual Business Meeting during the ASTMH Annual Meeting (November 20-24, 2019, Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, National Harbor, Maryland).

Training courses\* that may be considered include:

- 1) [The NIAID-supported Schistosomiasis Research, Reagent, Resource Center \(SR3\)](#) offers two mini-courses at the Biomedical Research Institute (Rockville, MD). The Schistosome Life Cycle Course provides hands-on coverage of the basic life cycles and pathology of all three human *Schistosoma* spp., while the Molecular Training Course focuses on molecular techniques currently being applied to both larval and adult stages in the research lab.
- 2) [The NIAID-supported Filariasis Research, Reagent, Resource Center \(FR3\)](#) offers a hands-on mini-course designed to introduce students and postdocs to the organismal and molecular techniques currently used in filariasis research. This week-long mini-course is held at University of Georgia (Athens, GA).
- 3) ["Biology of Parasitism" course](#) offered by the Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA.

- 4) [Advanced Courses](#) in parasite genomics and experimental methodology at the Wellcome Genome Campus.

\*This is not an exhaustive list. Trainees are free to attend any practical training course, with the appropriate justification.

### **Eligibility**

- 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 his/her final degree).
- Must be a member of ASTMH and ACMCIP. Not a member? [Join today](#).

### **Submission details:**

- Cover letter describing his or her current research project; why the selected course was chosen and how it will benefit his or her research.
- Curriculum Vitae.
- Letter of recommendation from current supervisor explaining the importance of the course to the trainee's research. The letter should indicate whether or not additional funds will be available to supplement the award and if funds are unavailable, how will the remainder of the course costs be covered.
- 2x2 high-resolution headshot photo to be used on signage at the Annual Meeting.
- Beginning on March 20, submit application through the ASTMH [award submission site](#)
  - Applicants are strongly advised to have the full contact information for said supervisor prior to starting the online submission.
  - It is the applicant's responsibility to communicate with his/her supervisor to ensure that he/she has received the e-mail generated by the submission site and has uploaded the letter by the April 25, 2019 deadline.
  - After entering all information into the application - including the cover letter and CV - and after the supervisor has uploaded the recommendation letter, please go to the REVIEW SUBMISSION page and scroll to the bottom. If all information has been entered correctly, applicants will see a drop-down menu at the bottom of the page. Select the COMPLETE and hit SAVE.
  - NOTE: After April 25, 2019 - applications without the required letter of recommendation will be considered incomplete and will not be forwarded to the review committee.

### **Questions? Contact:**

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