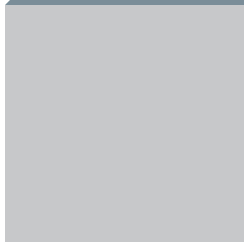
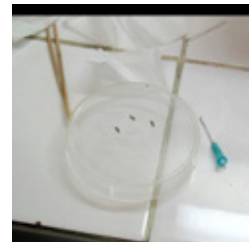
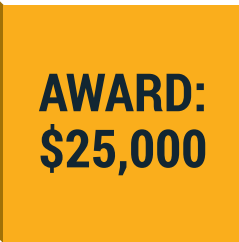




Centennial Travel Award in Basic Science Tropical Disease Research

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

**AWARD:
\$25,000**



**Application Deadline:
July 22, 2025**

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2024 Centennial Travel Award Recipient



Laura Willen, PhD
NIH



This fellowship will provide me with an invaluable opportunity to work in an arboviral disease endemic setting in close contact with immunology and clinical experts in the field of arbovirology.”

Laura Willen, PhD

About the ASTMH Centennial Travel Award in Basic Science Tropical Disease Research

The Centennial Travel Award was established in 2003 to commemorate ASTMH's 100th anniversary. This centennial milestone is honored with this award that fosters international collaboration in the basic science of tropical infectious diseases.

This award also provides physicians and scientists the opportunity for field experience in combination with laboratory studies of parasitic, bacterial or viral infectious diseases in endemic developing countries.

In an effort to stimulate interest in tropical infectious diseases and build international collaborations, ASTMH seeks applications from physicians and scientists for this international career opportunity focused on benefiting underserved populations in locations in the world where the burden of disease is high.

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Centennial Travel Award At-A-Glance

- Full-time post-doctoral fellows (PhD, MD, DVM, degrees or the equivalent) with positions at accredited U.S. or Canadian institutions
- Studies focusing on any tropical infectious disease in one or more of the following disciplines or related areas: immunology, genetics, molecular biology, biochemistry, cell biology and entomology
- The project to be carried out in the year 2026
- Financial support of \$25,000 US
- A minimum of six months to be spent at the overseas site
- [Preference given to ASTMH Post-doc/Fellow](#)
- Award notice sent in early September 2025

Eligibility

The Centennial Travel Award Committee will select the recipient of this highly competitive award based on academic credentials, recommendations, quality of proposal, feasibility of completing the project, potential for enhancing international collaborative possibilities and demonstration of deep commitment in a career in international tropical infectious disease research. It is expected that the recipient will use this funding for career development.

Applicants will be notified of decisions in early September 2025.

- Applicant must be a full-time post-doctoral fellow (with PhD, DVM, or MD degree or the equivalent) with a position at an accredited U.S. or Canadian institution.
- Applicant must study a tropical infectious disease in one or more of the following disciplines or related areas:
 - immunology
 - molecular biology
 - cell biology
 - genetics
 - biochemistry
 - entomology
- Co-mentors must be identified at a U.S. or Canadian institution and an overseas institution. Each co-mentor must submit a letter of support that details locally available support, resources and availability for supervision (whether personally or by collaborating personnel).
- Sponsoring U.S. or Canadian and international institutions are responsible for assuring that the proposed studies are compliant with contemporary regulations, including those related to human subjects and biohazards.
- A minimum of six months must be spent at the overseas site.
- The project should be carried out in the year 2026.
- Preference will be given to:
 - ASTMH member-sponsored applications
 - [ASTMH Post-doc/Fellow](#) members

Funding and Award Administration

The awardee's institution will receive financial support of \$25,000 U.S. for a research experience in the tropics to leverage further career development.

The award will be made to the recipient's home institution, which will be responsible for administering this funding. The home and overseas institutions must certify that planned studies are fully compliant with human subjects, biohazard and other regulatory issues.

No institutional overhead will be provided.

Online Application Site

The application site opens **June 23, 2025**.

Application Process and Requirements

Applicants are encouraged to gather all application materials prior to online submission.

Although it is possible to edit the application prior to the July 22 deadline, the submission process will be more efficient if the application is completed in one session.

Application packet must include: Curriculum Vitae

Information from CV regarding education, training, work experience, prior research experience, any publications or abstracts, honors and awards.

Research Plan

A research plan in a modified NIH grant format must include the following information:

- Clear aim(s) with a brief statement of a specific, testable hypothesis (1/2 page).
- Background and significance, including how the project will lead to further research career development (1 page).
- Preliminary data, if available (1/2 - 1 page).
- Experimental design and methods (2-3 pages).

It is important that the project clearly describes how it will provide the basis for further career development, e.g., that the data obtained from the supported project be the basis of NIH K08, K23, K01 or equivalent career development awards.

Career Interests

- Brief summary explaining your interest in this work and your career interests (not to exceed 1,500 characters).
- Description of how the Centennial Travel Award will enhance your career development in tropical medicine and hygiene.

APPLICANTS – Individuals with doctoral-level degrees who seek travel to laboratories in the tropics to pursue studies in molecular, cellular or immunological aspects of tropical infectious diseases.

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Application deadline: July 22, 2025

Notice of award: September 2025

Letters of Recommendation

Three letters of recommendation are required, submitted as PDF or Word files on institutional letterhead.

The letters must include detailed descriptions of infrastructure, additional financial support, intellectual, scientific and clinical environment and other resources necessary for success of the project. The letters of recommendation should indicate which mentors are ASTMH members.

Letters of recommendation are required from:

1. The U.S. or Canadian faculty co-mentor, detailing local available support, resources and availability for supervision (whether personally or by collaborating personnel).
2. The overseas research co-mentor, detailing local available support, resources and availability for supervision (whether personally or by collaborating personnel).
3. A current or former teacher or supervisor who can attest to the academic and/or research abilities and potential of the applicant.

Applicant Responsibility

The application site will prompt the applicant to provide the name, postal address, phone, fax and email for each of the individuals providing letters of recommendation. The application site will then generate an email to these individuals with instructions to upload their letters to the application site. Applicant must inform the three individuals providing letters of recommendation that they must upload their respective letters directly to the application site.

It is important that the applicant gather the contact information for these individuals prior to beginning the online application. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that each individual has received the email generated by the application site and has uploaded their respective letters by the July 22 deadline.

Regulatory Compliance Documentation

- A letter from an appropriate authority from applicant's home institution confirming that the planned study is fully compliant with federal, state and local requirements for human subjects, animal care and use, biohazards and other applicable regulatory issues.
- A letter from an appropriate authority from the overseas institution confirming that the planned study is fully compliant with government and local requirements for human subjects, animal care and use, biohazards and other applicable regulatory issues.

Applicant Responsibility

The applicant is responsible for uploading the regulatory compliance documentation from the home institution and overseas institution to the application site. Applicants are encouraged to obtain these documents prior to posting to the online application.

After July 22, 2025, applications without the required three letters of recommendation will be disqualified.

Final Report

A maximum three-page report must be submitted within 30 days outlining the travel experience and lessons learned. Periodically, awardees may be invited to present their reports at the ASTMH Annual Meeting. Final reports should be submitted to Rhonda Schultz, Manager, Board and Fellowships at rschultz@astmh.org.

Notice of Award

Award notice will be sent in September 2025.

Application Checklist

- ☒ CV information
- ☒ Research plan
- ☒ Career Interests
- ☒ Recommendation letter from U.S. or Canadian co-mentor
- ☒ Recommendation letter from overseas co-mentor
- ☒ Recommendation letter from teacher or supervisor
- ☒ Regulatory compliance documentation
- ☒ Preference given to ASTMH Post-doc/
Fellow member
- ☒ Applicant photo (2-inch x 2-inch JPEG file, headshot preferred)

Questions about online application process:
Contact **Rhonda Schultz**
Manager, Board and Fellowships
rschultz@astmh.org

Awardees and Overseas Study Locations

Morgan Goheen, MD, PhD
2023

Yale School of Medicine



Burkina Faso

Kelsey Adams, PhD
2022

Harvard T.H. Chan School
of Public Health



Madagascar

Adelaide Miarinjara, PhD
2021

Emory University



Madagascar

Kathleen Dantzler
2020

Stanford University



Uganda

Camila Coelho
2019

NIAID/NIH, Maryland



Mali

Katherine Siddle
2018

Harvard University, Massachusetts



Senegal

Melissa Conrad
2017

University of California,
San Francisco



Uganda

Usheer Kanjee
2017

Harvard T.H. Chan School of
Public Health



India

Heather Glasgow
2016

Albert Einstein College of Medicine



South Africa

Brie Falkard
2015

Massachusetts General Hospital



Haiti

Anna Babakhanyan
2014

Case Western Reserve University



Kenya

Sarah-Blythe Ballard
2013

Johns Hopkins University



Peru

Ami Bei
2012

Harvard School of Public Health



Senegal

Anne Frosch
2011

University of Minnesota



Kenya

Amma Semanya
2010

CDC



Kenya

Robert Comer
2009

Wake Forest University Baptist
Medical Center



Bolivia

Jessica Lin
2008

University of North
Carolina, Chapel Hill



Cambodia

Judith Denery
2007

Scripps Research Institute



Guatemala

Rhoel Dinglasan
2007

Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg
School of Public Health



Papua New Guinea

Sanjay Mehta
2007

University of California, San Diego



Brazil

Amber Read
2007

University of New Mexico



India

Erika Lamb
2006

Uniformed Services University of
the Health Sciences



Brazil

Stephen Popper
2006

Stanford University



Laos

Scott Westenberg
2006

Scripps Research Institute



Peru

Annette Kraus
2005

University of North Carolina,
Chapel Hill



Sri Lanka

Gnanasekar Munirathinam
2004

University of Illinois College of
Medicine, Rockford



India

Kristine Peterson
2004

University of Virginia



Bangladesh

Katie Kurkjian
2003

CDC



Bangladesh

Myiang Nyung
2002

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of
Public Health



Zambia