



## ACAV Richard M. Taylor Award

### Purpose

The ACAV Richard M. Taylor award is presented to a highly experienced scientist who has made outstanding contributions to arbovirology throughout their career. This award honors the distinguished career of Richard Moreland Taylor, MD, PhD (1887-1981). He received his medical degree from the University of Michigan and doctoral degree in public health from Johns Hopkins University. He worked in numerous countries across Europe and South America primarily focused on influenza, sylvatic yellow fever and West Nile viruses. Many of his key discoveries regarding transmission cycles were critical for the continued investigation of these and other tick- and mosquito-borne viruses. He was also foundational to the creation and flourishing of ACAV. This award is given every 3 years to a more established investigator who has dedicated their career to the study of arboviruses and made significant contributions to the field.

Any highly experienced scientist with a life-long career focused on arbovirology who meets these application requirements is encouraged to apply. Past awardees and more information can be found on ACAV's website: <https://www.astmh.org/subgroups/acav>.

### Application requirements

- Nominations may be ASTMH members or non-members (including past members); self-nominations are allowed. Very strong preference will be given to active or emeritus ACAV members (see below).
- Applications must include:
  - CV (abbreviated or full)
  - Letter of nomination highlighting the significance and impact of their career on arbovirology, emphasizing contributions to ACAV (past or present)
  - Letter of support
  - Hi-resolution photo

Beginning May 27, [submit your application online](#).

Deadline: June 23, 2025

### Determination

Nominations will be reviewed by a Selection Panel, chaired by the current ACAV Chair and comprised of at least three other members of the Executive Committee and past Richard Taylor recipients (preference). The Richard Taylor Awardee for a given year will be invited to serve on the Selection Panel in the subsequent selection cycle. If no suitable applicant is identified in a given year, no award will be made.

### Funding and Announcement

The recipient will receive a complimentary registration to attend the Annual Meeting. The recipient will be announced during the ASTMH's Annual Meeting opening Awards Ceremony, and the award will be given at ACAV's Business Meeting, following the ACAV symposium. The recipient will be asked to make a brief presentation of their research during the ACAV Business Meeting.