Travel Award: Clinical Trainee Case Presentation
Call for Applicants

Session Title: Meet the Professor: Trainee Clinical Cases

Session Description:
This educational session will feature unique clinical cases of tropical diseases presented by clinical trainees (medical students, residents, post-doctoral fellows and other allied healthcare professional students) that had been evaluated, diagnosed and treated by the trainee under faculty supervision at their training facility. Trainees will submit a clinical case summary to the ACCTMTH subcommittee for review prior to the Meeting. Three cases out of all the submissions will be selected to be presented, in-person, at the ASTMH Trainee Clinical Case Presentation Session during the 2024 Annual Meeting (date and time to be determined) in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. Presentations will be no longer than 15 minutes in duration and will include clinical information and/or images.

Cases will be selected based on pathogen diversity, geographic regions, educational value, and completeness of the Cases. Trainees selected will be supported to attend the Annual Meeting through an ACCTMTH travel grant. The cases will be presented as “unknowns” and three pre-identified faculty member panelists will discuss the cases with the audience including their differential diagnoses and approaches to diagnosis and treatment. Panelists will be selected based on the case presentation topics to ensure panelist expertise. Audience participation through technology like Poll Everywhere will be utilized to increase interaction. The purpose of the session is to encourage participation and engagement of trainees.

Eligibility Requirements:
- Clinical trainees, regardless of ASTMH membership, are welcome to apply. Those who have already won an ASTMH or Subgroup travel award for the 2024 Annual Meeting are not eligible.
- Practicing clinical trainees including medical students, residents and post-doctoral fellows as well as nursing students and allied health students are eligible to apply.
- The submission will identify an interesting, high-yield clinical case in which the clinical trainee provided direct clinical care (under the supervision of a clinical faculty advisor).
- All trainee applicants must have a faculty advisor that supervised the trainee during the clinical encounter and that will support the trainee by reviewing the application and, if selected, aid in developing the student’s presentation. While the faculty advisor is encouraged to attend the 2024 Annual Meeting, funding will not be provided to the supervisor.
- Awardees must be willing to speak at a “Meet-the-Professors” session to discuss their case.
• Travel Award recipients from outside the United States will be responsible for securing a passport that will remain valid for at least six months after the planned return travel date. For most award recipients this date will be end-May 2025. Also, recipients must contact the U.S. government office in their country of residence to arrange for all necessary travel documents (e.g., travel visas). The Clinical Group will provide a letter of support. ASTMH Staff is not able to assist in contacting the US Embassy for scheduling Visa appointments.

Criteria: Applicants will be selected based on the following criteria:
• Status as a clinical trainee of any level.
• Identification of a clinical faculty advisor.
• Clinical case discussion topic relevant and of interest to the ASTMH clinical community.
• English proficient.

Application Requirements: Beginning July 10, 2024 submit your application online
• Trainee’s CV.
• Clinical Case Summary that describes the patient presentation and clinical work up (including laboratory values, imaging and other pertinent information). Identify the final diagnosis and the facts that support this diagnosis. Please also include the treatment and outcome of the clinical case. Please refrain from using medical acronyms as much as possible. Please follow patient de-identification guidelines https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7990511/. The summary should be less than 1 page.
• Three take-away points from the case relevant and of interest to the ASTMH clinical community.
• A letter of support from the clinical faculty advisor discussing their role as supervisor on the case, the role of the trainee in the care of the patient and highlighting the importance of this case to the clinical community.
• A recent high-resolution photo of the trainee.
• Application deadline: July 29, 2024.

Important:
• Awardees will receive up to $1,000 for travel related expenses and a complimentary registration for the 2024 Annual Meeting.
• Travel Award funds provided by the Clinical Group must be used to support meeting registration fee, travel, lodging and other expenses directly associated with participating in the Annual Meeting.
• Awardees are required to attend the entire Annual Meeting from Wednesday, November 13-17, 2024.