



American Committee on Arthropod-Borne Viruses and Zoonotic Viruses (ACAV)

Official Subgroup of the American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene

Student/Post-Doc Travel Awards

Up to seven individuals will be presented the ACAV student/post-doc travel awards by the ASTMH's American Committee on Arthropod-Borne Viruses and Zoonotic Viruses (ACAV). Applicants must be either graduate students or post-doctoral fellows who are actively conducting arbovirus research. Recipients will be awarded *up to* \$500 to defray costs associated with attending the meeting and complimentary meeting registration. *If you have previously received an ACAV Student Travel Award, you are not eligible to receive another ACAV Student Travel Award.*

Submitting online application – Beginning March 11, 2026, [submit your application online](#).

Application deadline –April 6, 2026

Award Information - The recipients will present their studies at the 2026 Annual Meeting (November 18-22, 2026, National Harbor, MD) and will receive *up to* \$500 US to help defray costs to attend the meeting and complimentary registration. Recipients will be invited to attend the President's Reception held during the Annual Meeting. Every applicant will receive a notification of the award status in July 2026.

Eligibility Requirements - Eligibility is limited to ASTMH and ACAV members (paid through June 30, 2027) who are graduate students or post-doctoral fellows who are actively conducting arbovirus research. The award recipients will present their research either orally or as a poster during the 2026 Annual Meeting. Additionally, award recipients will present "lightning talks" about their research as part of the ACAV Annual Business Meeting that takes place during the ASTMH meeting. **Award recipients are required to attend the full Annual Meeting in person to receive their award.** One award recipient will be offered the opportunity to serve as an ACAV Trainee Councilor for the following year. Not a current member of ASTMH or ACAV? [Join Today](#).

Application Process

Applicants must submit:

- A cover letter describing the applicant's interest in arbovirology (approximately 2,500-character limit).
- Description of financial need for the conference (approximate 1,500-character limit) and how the applicant will benefit from the ACAV travel award.
- Abstract with the abstract number assigned by the ASTMH abstract submission site, for example: 26-A-1234-ASTMH. The abstract submission site is available [here](#) – **Applicants**

should submit and pay their abstract fee to the online abstract submission site by the April 1 abstract submission deadline.

- Recommendation letter in pdf or Microsoft Word format on letterhead from their major professor or research committee advisor. Letter to be uploaded by the applicant.
- Curriculum Vitae.
- 2x2 high-resolution headshot photo to be used on signage at the Annual Meeting.

The ACAV Student Travel Award Committee will review and select the awardees based on the relevance and quality of the abstract, financial need and letter of recommendation.

Questions? Contact:

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