



American Committee of Molecular, Cellular and Immunoparasitology (ACMCIP)

Official Subgroup of the American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene

William Trager Award for Basic Parasitology

Purpose

The William Trager Award, established by the ACMCIP in 2015, recognizes a fundamental breakthrough in molecular, cellular or immunoparasitology. This annual award is named in honor of Prof. William Trager, PhD, a past President of ASTMH, who established *in vitro* culture conditions for *Plasmodium* parasites and thereby directly enabled almost all of the current fields of basic and applied malaria research.

Eligibility

The award is open to any researcher more than five years removed from their PhD. It is explicitly not a career recognition award but rather honors a specific scientific breakthrough in basic molecular, cellular or immunoparasitology that has far-reaching implications. The central finding must have been published, usually with the nominee as corresponding author, no less than two and no more than 15 years before the date of nomination.

Funding and Announcement

This annual award carries an honorarium of \$1,000. The awardee can use the funds for any purpose, including travel and/or registration costs to attend the ASTMH Annual Meeting. The awardee will be acknowledged during the ASTMH's Annual Meeting opening Awards Ceremony, and the award will be given at the annual ACMCIP Trager, Trainee, and Take-off Symposium. The awardee will also provide a presentation during the Symposium.

Application requirements:

- ASTMH members and non-members may submit nominations; the nominee does not need to be an ASTMH member. Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- Joint nominations will be considered if the stated breakthrough is clearly a joint effort, as usually indicated by co-submission of the critical paper.
- Nominations must include:
 - brief CV (four page maximum).
 - Letter of nomination which clearly states the timing and significance of the stated breakthrough and succinctly explains why the nominee is a suitable recipient.
 - Letters of recommendation in addition to the letter of nomination (one letter of recommendation is required; two letters max can be submitted).
 - Hi-resolution recent photo.
- Beginning May 19, [submit your nomination online](#).
- Application deadline: June 15, 2026

Determination

Nominations will be reviewed by a Selection Panel, chaired by the ACMCIP Immediate Past President and at least two other senior researchers with expertise within the ACMCIP remit. The William Trager Awardee for a given year will be invited to serve on the Selection Panel in the subsequent year. The Selection Panel will be balanced regarding gender and ethnicity reflective of ACMCIP membership. The Panel is empowered to add a member(s) if specific scientific expertise is required. An award may not be given every year.