



American Committee of Medical Entomology (ACME)

Official Subgroup of the American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene

Harry Hoogstraal Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Medical Entomology

Purpose

The Harry Hoogstraal Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Medical Entomology was established in 1987 to recognize the most influential medical entomologists for their contributions to their field. This award is named in honor of Dr. Harry Hoogstraal, whose contributions to systematics of medically important arthropods and the diseases they carry are vast. He was described as “the greatest authority on ticks and tickborne diseases who ever lived,” and his scientific curiosity and passion for increasing the description of arthropods from remote areas (Philippines, Dutch New Guinea, Mexico, Madagascar, Egypt) led him to describe an impressive number of novel mosquito and tick species. During his lifetime he authored or co-authored more than 500 publications and directed the translation of over 1,800 scientific papers and books into German, Japanese, Chinese and Russian. More than 200 species of organisms have been named in honor of Harry Hoogstraal.

Eligibility

The award recognizes individuals who have had a major impact on advancing the field of medical entomology. Any living medical entomologist not serving on the Executive Council is eligible to be selected to receive the award.

Funding and Announcement

This award carries the Hoogstraal Medal and an honorarium of \$1,000 US. The awardee can use the funds for any purpose, including travel, to the ASTMH Annual Meeting. The awardee will be announced during the ASTMH Annual Meeting opening Awards Ceremony, and the award will be given at the ACME Symposium. The nominator and awardee also provide a presentation during the Symposium.

Application Requirements

- The nominator and nominee do not need to be an ASTMH member. Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- Nominations must include:
 - CV
 - Letter(s) of nomination that clearly documents a lifetime of achievement in Medical Entomology
 - Letters of recommendation (three letters max; optional but highly encouraged)
 - Hi-resolution recent photo.

- Nomination materials need to describe all accomplishments used to evaluate candidates as follows:
 - Research – Number of publications, citations, patents and other accomplishments during a lifetime of outstanding research.
 - Training – Number of graduate students, post-doctoral researchers and other training activities that characterize contribution to training the next generation of medical entomologists.
 - Professional Service – Describe service activities to ACME or similar professional societies, service for journals and grant review panels, and other types of professional service.
 - Impact – Describe the stage of career (preference given to candidates who are partially or completely retired), contribution to diversity (under-represented gender, racial or ethnic groups, research on neglected arthropod vectors, country of research or origin) and impact on the field.
- [Submit your application online](#) beginning May 19, 2026
- Application deadline: June 15, 2026
- The Application remains eligible for 3 years following submission and nominators are allowed to update the application packet each year.

Determination

Nominations will be reviewed by the Hoogstraal Award Committee. Review committee will consider the four criteria described above: research, training, professional service and impact.