



American Committee of Medical Entomology (ACME)

Official Subgroup of the American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene

ACME Young Investigator Travel Awards

ACME works to promote medical entomology within ASTMH and in organizations whose scopes of activities include the area of human diseases transmitted by arthropods. We seek opportunities to emphasize and expand the contributions of medical entomology to tropical medicine and also to appropriately recognize outstanding contributions by next-generation medical entomologists.

ACME is soliciting applications for its Young Investigator Travel Awards and encourages applicants at the Masters, Doctoral and Post-doctoral level to apply. Recipients will be chosen according to a rigorous review process by the ACME Young Investigator Travel Awards committee, including any decisions related to eligibility of applicants for award type. Awards will be given according to: 1) the top graduate level (Masters and Doctoral); 2) the top post-doctoral level; and 3) the top international investigator.

All recipients will be awarded a cash prize and a complimentary registration to support travel and accommodation to attend the Annual Meeting, November 18-22, 2026, National Harbor, MD. During the Annual Meeting, the selected winners will present either orally or in a poster format his or her research that must involve arthropods of medical importance. **Award recipients are required to attend the Annual Meeting in person to receive their award.** Announcement of award winners will be made during the ACME Annual Business Annual Meeting, where recipients will give very short remarks about their studies. Recipients will be invited to attend the President's Reception held during the Annual Meeting. *If you have previously received an ACME Young Investigator Award, you are not eligible to receive another ACME Young Investigator Award.*

The following criteria must be met for eligibility and will be considered in the application review process:

- Both members and non-members are eligible to apply for the award. However, non-members will be required to obtain membership prior to accepting the award if selected.
- Significance and quality of presentation abstract
- Career level (graduate, post-doc)
- Country of primary institution (specific for the International Award)
- Financial need
- Letter of recommendation

Timeline:

- **Online application site** – Opens March 11, 2026
- **Application deadline** – April 6, 2026
- **Notification** - Award notices will be sent in July 2026

Award Type and Information (applicants may only apply for one award)

I. YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD - GRADUATE (Masters or Doctoral Career Level in 2026)

The recipient(s) will be awarded *up to* \$900 US to support travel and accommodation costs to attend the Annual Meeting in person to present his or her studies and a complimentary registration. The award will be presented during the ACME Annual Business Meeting. [Submit your application online.](#)

II. YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD - POST-DOCTORAL (2024-2026 Graduates)

The recipient(s) will be awarded *up to* \$900 US to support travel and accommodation costs to attend the Annual Meeting in person to present his or her studies and a complimentary registration. The award will be presented during the ACME Annual Business Meeting. [Submit your application online.](#)

III. YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD – INTERNATIONAL (Country of primary institution must be non-U.S.)

ACME is pleased to announce a special award for international students. The recipient will be awarded *up to* \$2000 US to support travel and accommodation costs to attend the Annual Meeting in person to present his or her studies and a complimentary registration. The award will be presented during the ACME Annual Business Meeting. [Submit your application online.](#)

Application Instructions:

Collect all application materials prior to submitting them to the online awards system. Although the applicant will be able to edit their award submission prior to the April 6 deadline, the submission process will be much easier if the applicant collects all application materials prior to submission. **Applicants may only apply to a single award category. No more than one application per abstract can be submitted.**

Application materials:

- A cover letter describing the applicant's research interest in medical entomology (approximately 2,500 character limit).
- Description of financial need to attend the Annual Meeting (approximately 1,500 character limit) and how the applicant will benefit from the ACME travel award.
- A copy of the applicant's ASTMH Annual Meeting abstract, with the abstract number assigned by the [abstract submission site](#), example: 26-A-1234-ASTMH – **Applicant's should submit and pay their abstract fee to the online abstract submission site by the April 1 abstract submission deadline.**
- Letter of recommendation in pdf or Microsoft Word format on letterhead from a major professor or faculty advisor. Please be sure that this person's full contact information is included in the letter or is listed on the letterhead. Applicant will upload the letter to the application portal.
- 2x2 high-resolution headshot photo to be used on signage at the Annual Meeting.

Questions? Contact:

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