



Call for ASTMH Distinguished International Fellow

Application deadline: March 16, 2026

Purpose

The ASTMH Distinguished International Fellow designation formally recognizes individuals who have made eminent contributions to a particular aspect of tropical medicine and global health. Nominees are expected to be leaders in their field, making seminal contributions over their career, typically over decades, as evidenced by research and publications, clinical acumen, public health policy, and/or education. Their contributions will have fundamentally changed understanding of disease or health outcomes or developed capacity to do so. View the complete [list of past honorees](#).

Eligibility

Nominations are limited to non-U.S. citizens. Individuals who maintain dual or multiple citizenship which includes U.S. are not eligible and self-nomination is not allowed. Nominations of candidates from [low- and middle-income countries](#) are encouraged. Individuals nominated but not selected may be renominated, with the new nomination clearly detailing additional nominee activities that meet the criteria. The nominator must be an ASTMH member but membership or previous engagement with the Society is not required of nominees.

Nominations must include:

- Nominee's curriculum vitae
- Primary nomination letter by an ASTMH member
- Letters of support (minimum one, maximum three)

The primary nomination and support letters should not exceed two pages and should clearly and succinctly outline the nominee's contribution, impact, honors, achievements and standing in the field. These may include contributions to:

- Training, including the mentoring of doctoral and medical students, post-doctoral researchers, fellows, and other training activities that have made fundamental contributions to foster the next generation of leaders in tropical medicine and global health
- Research, including seminal findings, publications and major grants, that have significantly advanced our understanding of tropical medicine and global health

- Clinical care, including findings or approaches that have fundamentally changed standards and practice
- Professional service, such as contributions to grant review panels, editorial boards, and committee or board membership, which have contributed strategic direction to academic, governmental or nongovernmental institutions
- Program implementation and leadership, including creating new programs and making vital contributions to global health strategy or policy
- Advocacy and media relations, including serving as a major voice to advance and communicate health policy among colleagues in the field and the public at large
- Contribution and commitment to inclusion and the human right to health
- Current, high resolution headshot photo of the nominee

Applications missing any of the required materials will automatically be rejected and will not be forwarded to the committee for review.

Determination

Nominations are reviewed by the ASTMH Distinguished International Fellow Committee and approved by the ASTMH Board. Selected individuals meeting this exceptional standard are publicly acknowledged at the Society's Annual Meeting.

[Submit nominations here](#). Please contact [Buffy Finn](#), Membership, Subgroups and Courses Manager, with any questions.