

## **FELLOW of the ASTMH (FASTMH)**

Fellow member status (also known as Fellowship) in the Society is an honor that recognizes sustained professional excellence in any field of tropical medicine, hygiene, global health and related disciplines, as well as service to the Society. [View list of Fellows.](#)

Current Fellows of ASTMH are expected to provide letters of endorsement/support to qualifying members of the Society interested in applying for Fellow status.

### **ASTMH FELLOWSHIP IS ACHIEVED VIA ONE OF THREE TRACKS:**

Track 1: Clinical Practice and Educator

Track 2: Program Implementation and Leadership

Track 3: Research and Investigation

**For each track the candidate must have supporting documentation in the following three areas:**

- A. Service to the Society
- B. Service to the profession
- C. Letters of support from an existing Fellow of the Society and other colleagues

**A. SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY** is the same for each of the three tracks. It is defined as:

- **Ten years** of Active, Life, or Emeritus/Emerita membership (preferably continuous) in the Society

**AND**

- Participation in at least **two** leadership roles\* in the Society; examples of leadership (not a complete list):
  - Member of an ASTMH committee for at least three years (past or current)
  - Chair of an ASTMH committee (past or current)
  - Member of the editorial board of the Society's journal, *The American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene* (past or current)
  - Leadership role such as serving as President/Chair, Councilor, Secretary/Treasurer or other roles (elected or appointed) in a subgroup of ASTMH, e.g. ACAV (American Committee on Arthropod-Borne Viruses and Zoonotic Viruses), ACME (American Committee of Medical Entomology), ACMCIP (American Committee of

Molecular and Cellular and Immunoparasitology), ACGH (ASTMH Committee on Global Health), ACCTMTH (American Committee on Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers' Health)

- Chair/Course Organizer of a Pre-Meeting Course or Update Course (past or current)
- Elected or appointed Leadership role on the ASTMH Council (past) or ASTMH Board (current)

\*Please note: Solely maintaining membership in a Subgroup (as opposed to serving in some type of leadership noted above) does not in itself confer eligibility toward FASTMH.

## **Track 1 - Clinical Practice and Educator Track: Qualifications**

This track is for those whose primary professional activity is clinical practice and/or education in tropical medicine, hygiene, global health or a related field.

**A. Service to the Society: see above**

**B. Service to the profession** must have significant local *and/or* national/international impact as described below.

Local Impact (any *two* of the following):

- a. Documented sustained excellence as a practitioner:
  - CTropMed®: ASTMH Certificate of Knowledge in Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers' Health *and* maintaining board certification
- b. Documented sustained excellence as a clinical teacher, examples of excellence:
  - Serving as a director of a university-based, hospital-based, or continuing education-based course, or being an integral developer of such curricula for at least three years.
  - Serving as program director of a training grant, residency or fellowship training program for at least three years.
  - Recipient of teaching award(s) in clinical medicine, biomedical science or related fields from a university, hospital or comparable institution.
- c. An appointment at a School of Health Sciences at the Associate Professor level or higher or comparable appointment at a comparable institution

National/International Impact (any *one* of the following):

- a. Publications
  - Significant contributions in peer-reviewed journals or textbooks: 10 or more substantial, first or last-authored (and second-authored, if appropriate) publications in peer-reviewed journals or major textbooks as part of a total of 25 publications.

b. Committees

- Significant and sustained (minimum two years) service on national (e.g., ASTMH, NIH, FDA, CDC) and/or international (e.g., WHO) committees, or journal editorial board activity addressing clinical and/or education needs in tropical medicine, hygiene or global health issues.

**C. Letters of support:**

- Three letters of endorsement by professional colleagues attesting to the sustained clinical or teaching/educational excellence of the applicant. These letters must outline how the candidate meets the criteria stated above. **At least one letter must come from a current Fellow of the ASTMH**, with the other letters from persons who can specifically evaluate the applicant's contributions toward ASTMH fellowship.

**Track 2 - Program Implementation and Leadership: Qualifications**

This track is for those whose primary professional activity is program implementation and/or leadership in tropical medicine, hygiene, global health or a related field.

**A. Service to the Society: see above.**

**B. Service to the profession** must have significant local **and/or** national/international impact as described below:

Local Impact (site at which delivery occurs can be within or outside of the United States):

a. Program implementation and leadership:

- Documented sustained excellence in delivery or leadership of tropical medicine, hygiene or global health measures/programs, or local governmental and/or non-governmental health systems.
- Examples of program implementation and leadership are: serving as program director, team leader, or maintaining a leadership position in program development, delivery, and/or assessment; an appointment at a School of Health Sciences at the Associate Professor level or higher or comparable appointment at a comparable institution.

National/International Impact (any *one* of the following):

a. Publications

- Significant contributions in peer-reviewed journals or textbooks: 10 or more substantial, first or last-authored (and second-authored, if appropriate) publications in peer-reviewed journals or major textbooks as part of a total of 25 publications.

b. Committees

- Significant and sustained (minimum two years) service on national (e.g., ASTMH, NIH, FDA, CDC) and/or international (e.g., WHO) committees addressing tropical medicine, hygiene or global health issues.

c. Leadership

- Significant national and/or international leadership in a governmental, philanthropic, science-advocacy or NGO that addresses tropical medicine, hygiene and/or global health issues. Examples include but are not limited to WHO, NIH, CDC, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, DNDi, Global Fund and UN Foundation.

**C. Letters of support:**

- Three letters of endorsement by professional colleagues attesting to the applicants' excellence in program implementation and leadership. These letters must outline how the candidate meets the criteria stated above. **At least one letter must come from a current Fellow of the ASTMH**, with the other letters from persons who can specifically evaluate the applicant's contributions toward ASTMH fellowship.

**Track 3- Research/Investigation Track:**

This track is for those whose primary activity is basic or clinical research/investigation in tropical medicine, hygiene, global health or a related field.

**A. Service to the Society: see above.**

**B. Service to the profession** must have national impact as described below:

National Impact (any *two* of the following):

- a. Principal investigator or major investigator for a national, regional or multilateral agency, a philanthropic organization, corporation, industry, etc.
- b. Publications: 10 substantial, first or last-authored (and second-authored, if appropriate) primary investigative publications as part of a total of 25 primary investigative publications in peer-reviewed journals.
- c. An appointment at a School of Health Sciences at the Associate Professor level or higher or comparable appointment at a comparable institution.

**C. Letters of support:**

- Three letters of endorsement by professional colleagues attesting to applicants' excellence in research and investigation. These letters must outline how the candidate meets the criteria stated above. **At least one letter must come from a current Fellow of the ASTMH**, with the other letters from persons who can specifically evaluate the applicant's contributions toward ASTMH fellowship.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:**

**Call for Nominations**

In May/June of each year, the ASTMH will solicit a call for nominations for advancement to fellowship. The call will be posted on the ASTMH website and will also be sent to members by email and other communication vehicles as appropriate.

## Application

The application includes the following, and will not be considered complete unless all elements are submitted:

- 1) Completion of the online application form including identifying information about the applicant, selected track and appropriate impact category.
- 2) **A letter from the applicant documenting specifically how the criteria for the selected track are met** (limit two pages). Please list (1) the application track, (2) the criteria used, (3) how the criteria are met. **An application cannot be accepted if this is not properly completed.** A personal statement is not requested.
- 3) The applicant's curriculum vitae.
- 4) Three letters of endorsement.
  - Applicants should solicit letters from persons who are able to specifically evaluate their contributions toward ASTMH fellowship. *Three* letters are required **with at least one from a current Fellow of the ASTMH**. Applicant will upload the letters directly to the application portal.
- 5) Payment of the non-refundable application fee of \$150.

## REVIEW PROCESS:

Applications will be reviewed by the ASTMH Fellowship Committee. The Committee is chaired by the Secretary-Treasurer of ASTMH and has representatives from each of the five Society subgroups: ACAV (Virology), ACCTMTH (Clinical), ACGH (Global Health), ACMCIP (Immunoparasitology) and ACME (Entomology). Committee members will be added on an ad hoc basis to provide expertise in assessing applications.

## Acceptance of the Nomination

The list of nominees recommended for Fellowship will be presented to the ASTMH Board. Acceptance of the nominee for Fellowship will be by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Nominees not recommended for advancement to fellowship will receive a letter from the Chair of the Fellowship Committee. Nominees who are not advanced to Fellow are encouraged to re-apply at future calls for applications.

## Notification of Fellowship Decision

Following acceptance by the ASTMH Board of Directors, Fellows will be formally recognized during the Awards Ceremony at the Annual Meeting. All Fellows are strongly encouraged to attend and be acknowledged.

## **Maintaining the FASTMH**

For those accepted as Fellows of ASTMH, there will be an annual (voluntary) renewal fee of \$50 to maintain FASTMH status. Please note this voluntary contribution will be applied toward the administrative and committee support of the FASTMH application and review process. This will be assessed at the time of membership renewal.

The ASTMH member categories of Emeritus and Lifetime do not pay dues of any kind as stipulated in the Society's Constitution and Bylaws and therefore will not be invoiced.