



ASTMH Young Investigator Awards

Each year, ASTMH recognizes the work of outstanding young investigators through the presentation of the Young Investigator Award, a yearly competition held in person during the first day of the Annual Meeting. This award encourages young scientists to pursue careers in various aspects of tropical disease research. First place, second place and third place awards will be based on funding received throughout the year. Thank you to the individual donors who help make the Young Investigators Award initiative possible. **Previous Young Investigator Award recipients are NOT eligible to apply again.**

Online application site – Beginning March 11, [submit your application online](#)

Abstract Submission deadline: April 1

Young Investigator Award Application deadline: April 6

Instructions for the Two-Step Application Process

Step 1: Annual Meeting Abstract Submission Site

To be considered for this award, applicants must submit an abstract for the Annual Meeting. Abstracts must be submitted and paid for by **April 1** to the [online ABSTRACT site](#). The ABSTRACT site will assign an abstract number. The format will be 26-A-1234-ASTMH. The abstract number will be needed for the YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD submission site.

Only one abstract per applicant, please. If you are also submitting an application for the Clinical Research Awards, then your abstract MUST be different for both applications.

(ASTMH Travel Awards are available to help fund expenses for the Annual Meeting. [Check this site](#) to see if you are eligible.)

Step 2: Young Investigator Award Submission Site

[The Young Investigator Award application site](#) will open March 11. Submissions are due by **April 6**. Complete the online application and upload the [supervisor/mentor form](#), signed by your supervisor/mentor. Please upload a 2x2 high-resolution headshot photo that will be used on signage at the Annual Meeting.

The number of abstracts selected will be limited to 90 complete applications submitted. All abstracts will be reviewed prior to the selection process. You will be notified by email in late May/early June if you have been selected to participate in the Young Investigator Award competition.

Very important...The Young Investigator Award Competition is in addition to presenting as either a poster or oral session during the Annual Meeting. All Young Investigator Award presentations are IN PERSON only.

Application Criteria

- Open to ASTMH members only. Not a member? [Join today](#) at the greatly reduced trainee/post-doctoral member rate of \$45 or undergraduate member rate of \$30 prior to submission.
- The applicant must submit their abstract to the [Abstract Submission Site](#) by April 1.
- Abstract data must be current and complete. If the data is not available at the time of the submission, then the application will be rejected, and you will be asked to resubmit the following year.
- The applicant must have completed the majority of work that is reported in the accepted abstract as an undergraduate, graduate student or during the first two years of clinical residency or postdoctoral study. Status would be 1) undergraduate (indicate year), 2) medical school or graduate student (indicate year), 3) post-doc (indicate year), 4) medical resident/intern/fellow (indicate year in post-MD training program). (For a young scientist with only a medical degree, the two years refer to the actual time spent performing research. The time spent as an intern/resident is not considered part of the two years.)
- This award competition is limited to researchers who have not yet received a faculty appointment. Applicants who are faculty at the time of the competition are asked to recuse themselves. If the applicant is in a fellowship program (two years or less), but is considered “faculty” in the program, the applicant is still eligible to apply for the Young Investigator Award.
- The applicant must have had a primary role in the reported experimentation, as evidenced by first-author status on the abstract.
- The YIA applicant must be the person presenting at the meeting. If you are unable to attend in person, then your abstract will be withdrawn from the YIA competition. However, a colleague or your mentor can still present your abstract at the general meeting.
- If you are also submitting an abstract for the Clinical Research Award, your abstract and project presented must be different for the YIA competition.
- Detailed presentation instructions will be sent to successful applicants in September/October.
- **If you have previously been a Young Investigator Award recipient (i.e., you received a cash award) you are NOT eligible to compete again.**



ASTMH Young Investigator Award Mentor/Supervisor Form

By April 6: [Upload this form to the Young Investigator Award submission site](#)

Required: This form must be signed by the individual responsible for supervising the applicant's research.

I confirm that (applicant's name) _____
completed the majority of work reported in the abstract as an undergraduate, graduate student or early
postdoctoral researcher.

Abstract Number (assigned by abstract submission site) _____

Mentor/Supervisor Information

Mentor/Supervisor Name _____

Mentor/Supervisor Title _____

Mentor/Supervisor Signature _____ Date _____

Mentor/Supervisor Email _____

Applicant Information

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Institution _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Postal Code, Country _____

Email _____

Phone _____

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