



## ACAV Scherer Hardy Award

### Purpose

The ACAV Scherer Hardy award is named after two outstanding academic investigators who were the leaders in their respective areas of research. William Scherer made significant progress in classical virology and epidemiology involving polio, Japanese encephalitis, and Venezuelan encephalitis viruses. James Hardy, a student of Scherer, expanded similar work on encephalitic viruses focusing on emergent mosquito-borne agents. The goal of this award is to recognize an early career scientist for exceptional contributions to the fields of arbovirology or zoonotic virology given their career stage. These contributions include field and lab studies, interdisciplinary work, etc. The award is given to an outstanding doctoral graduate either before graduation or *up to* three years post-graduation. Members and Nonmembers from LMICs are encouraged to apply.

### Criteria

- The novelty and impact of the research topic/s in the field
- Number of publications
- Impact factor of journal in which research was published
- Citation of the published work by others in the field
- Nomination letter
- #/quality of external presentations
- fellowship/scholarship/grants awarded

### Funding and Announcement

The recipient will receive a \$500 stipend to use for any purpose and a complimentary registration to attend the Annual Meeting. The recipient will be announced during the ASTMH's Annual Meeting opening Awards Ceremony, and the award will be given at ACAV's Business Meeting, following the ACAV symposium. The recipient will be asked to make a brief presentation of their research during the ACAV Business Meeting.

### Application requirements

- ASTMH members and non-members may submit nominations; the nominee does not need to be an ASTMH member; self-nominations are allowed
- Nominations must include:
  - Brief CV (four page maximum)
  - Letter of nomination that clearly states the timing and significance of the stated breakthrough and succinctly explains why the nominee is a suitable recipient
  - Letter of recommendation (optional)

- Brief summary of long-term career goals
- Hi-resolution photo
- [Submit your application online](#) beginning May 21, 2024
- Application deadline: June 24, 2024

**Determination**

Nominations will be reviewed by a Selection Panel, chaired by the current ACAV Chair and at least three other past Scherer Hardy award recipients. The Scherer Hardy Awardee for a given year will be invited to serve on the Selection Panel in the subsequent year. If no suitable applicant is identified in a given year, no award will be made. Only one award per recipient per year, including but not limited to Subgroup research and travel awards, ASTMH travel awards, ASTMH fellowships and ASTMH medals.