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About The Donald Krogstad Award for Early-Career Malian Scientists

Donald Krogstad, MD, FASTMH, had a distinguished career as a physician-scientist and malaria researcher starting in the 1960s. He was a dedicated member and past president of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH). While Don is best known for his contributions to research on the pathogenesis and treatment of malaria, he dedicated the last 30 years of his life to mentoring and collaborating with colleagues from Mali, resulting in more than a dozen Malian scientists trained that are now academic leaders in Africa and elsewhere.

As a result of the generosity of the Krogstad family, the Donald Krogstad Award for Early-Career Malian Scientists will provide

funding of \$25,000 US total for up to two years for scientists from Mali to pursue research in tropical medicine and/or public health with the goal of improving the lives of Malians. This annual award will support an early-career Malian scientist in pursuing research that aims to blend laboratory and field epidemiological approaches broadly related to solving priority health issues in Mali. The selection committee and awardees will reflect the diversity of Mali, a mindset that was a cornerstone of Donald Krogstad's career. This award is a fitting legacy to our colleague, mentor and friend.

Who is eligible?

- Available only to citizens of Mali currently living and working in Mali.
- Early-career¹ Malian scientists pursuing research that aims to blend laboratory and field epidemiological approaches broadly related to solving priority health issues in Mali.
- A Master's degree or higher is desired with a focus on public health, tropical medicine or related field of expertise.
- Preference will be given to ASTMH members. Not a member? <u>Join now</u>.

Application site opens:

March 13, 2025

submit your application online

Application deadline: **April 9, 2025**

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¹ ASTMH defines early-career as those transitioning from trainee to junior faculty, or to full-time employment. Early-career is for up to five continuous years after completion of training. Examples of trainee status are medical residency or fellowship, post-doctoral research positions, MPH degree or graduate nursing degrees. Mid to senior-level faculty, especially those who already lead research projects, are not considered early-career.

2024 Recipient



Nouhoum Diallo, MD, MPH MRTC/USTTB

2023 Recipient



Moussa Sangare, MD, MScPH USTTB

Application Instructions

This award has a two-step application process. The application process requires an initial submission of a Concept Paper. All submitted Concept Papers will be reviewed by the Committee according to the published criteria. Upon review, submissions determined by the Committee to meet the criteria and best align with the award will be invited to submit a Full Proposal.

Step One: Concept Paper

- The initial step in the application process is the submission of a one-page Concept Paper, in English, that outlines the applicant's background, education and training, career goals, along with the specific aim(s) and a summary of your proposed research project to be completed within a two-year period.
- Submit your Concept Paper by April 9, 2025 <u>here</u>.

Step Two: Full Proposal

Upon review, submissions determined by the Committee to meet the criteria and best align with the award will be invited to submit a Full Proposal.

Selection Criteria

The award recipient will embody the spirit of Donald Krogstad's commitment to improving the health and well-being of Malians through the pursuit of rigorous research in tropical medicine and/or public health. Recipients will have an expectation of a long-term commitment to working toward improving the lives of Malians through their research and be motivated to continue active engagement with ASTMH, including participation in Society events and activities.

Questions? Contact: Rhonda Schultz, Manager, Board and Fellowships

Funding

- The award is for a total of \$25,000 US and designed to cover project-related expenses during the two-year timeframe to complete a research project in tropical medicine and/or public health with the goal of improving the lives of Malians. In some situations the award may provide supplementary funding to an ongoing or planned project in Mali for additional laboratory and/or field epidemiological work to occur.
- The funds can be used for all project-related costs but cannot be used for covering the applicant's salary or institutional overhead.
- \$3,500 US of this funding must be used to attend the ASTMH Annual Meeting in the Canada.

Donald Krogstad Award Committee

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ASTMH Inclusion/Respect Statement

"The ASTMH is an international society committed to equity and global impact through the treatment and prevention of tropical infectious diseases. Our diverse membership comes from more than 115 countries and engages with an enormous array of infectious diseases, cultures, ethnicities, and countries. We come from academia, research institutes, implementation programs, industry, multilateral organizations, foundations, and governments, gathering annually to exchange data, share learning, and honor contributions from the field and the lab.

"As a Society, we are committed to the open exchange of ideas, freedom of thought and expression, and productive scientific debate that are central to our mission. These require an open and diverse environment that is built on dignity and mutual respect for all members, participants, and staff, free of discrimination based on personal attributes including but not limited to ethnicity, color, national origin, age, religion, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation, gender, and gender identity or expression. We affirm the key principles of inclusion, diversity, and respect for all people. In a world of rich diversity, the advancement of science depends on the intellectual breadth and depth of a diverse ASTMH, one that informs and enriches the shape and content of scientific discourse. These principles guide the actions of ASTMH's leaders, members, and staff in advancing the goals of the Society."