

AAVP Awards: Guidelines for Application and Nomination

AAVP-Boehringer Ingelheim Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award

Criteria for Nomination - This is an award that honors contributions of a current or former member of the AAVP to veterinary parasitology that are widely recognized internationally as significant and important to the understanding and control of parasitic diseases of animals.

Procedure for Nomination - Solicitation of nominations for the award will be announced annually in the AAVP Newsletter. Any member of the AAVP may nominate a candidate by forwarding a letter of nomination describing the candidate's worthiness for the award and a copy of their CV to the Chair of the Awards Committee. The nominator should arrange for 3 letters to be written in support of the nomination by members of the AAVP and sent to the Chair of the Awards Committee. Only 3 letters of support plus the letter of nomination will be considered by the Awards Committee. To expedite the process and to ensure that all of the letters of support arrive prior to the stated deadline, it is recommended that the nominator assemble the entire package of information in support of the nominee, including the 3 letters, and send everything in one mailing to the Chair of the Awards Committee.

Selection - All documents provided in nomination of the candidate will be forwarded to all members of the Awards Committee. The selection of a recipient will be made by written ballot based on evidence of the nominee's contribution to the advancement of veterinary parasitology.

The Award - The recipient will be honored at the annual meeting of the AAVP and will receive a plaque and a \$1500 monetary award provided by Boehringer-Ingelheim. The AAVP will contribute toward the reimbursement of expenses necessary for the recipient to attend the Association's annual meeting.

AAVP Distinguished Service Award

Criteria for Nomination - The nominee shall be a member in good standing of the AAVP. Nomination of candidates for whom service to the AAVP is conducted normally or routinely, such as those involved in holding an office in the Association, will not be accepted.

Procedure for Nomination - Solicitation of nominations for the award will be announced annually in the AAVP Newsletter. Any member of the AAVP may nominate a member by forwarding a letter of nomination to the Chair of the Awards Committee describing the candidate's service to the Association. The nominator should arrange for 3 letters to be written in support of the nomination by members of the AAVP and sent to the Chair of the Awards Committee.

Selection - All documents provided in nomination of the candidate will be forwarded to all members of the Awards Committee. The selection of a recipient will be made by written ballot based on evidence of the nominee's level of service and long-term commitment to the AAVP.

The Award - The award consists of an engraved plaque specifically recognizing the awardee for their extraordinary service to the AAVP. The AAVP will contribute toward the reimbursement of expenses necessary for the recipient to attend the Society's annual meeting.

AAVP-William C. Campbell One-Health Award

Criteria for Nomination : The nominee shall be a member in good standing of the AAVP. This is an award that is meant to recognize and celebrate remarkable veterinary parasitologists who have made extraordinary contributions to One Health, which is defined as the collaborative effort of multiple disciplines—working locally, nationally, and globally—to attain optimal health for people, animals, AND our environment.

Procedure for nomination: Solicitation of nominations for the award will be announced annually in the AAVP newsletter and via the email listserve. Any member of the AAVP may nominate a candidate by forwarding a letter of nomination to the Chair of the Awards Committee describing the candidate's contributions to One Health. The nominator should also arrange for 3 letters of support to be composed in support of the nomination by members of the AAVP and sent to the chair of the awards committee prior to the stated deadline.

Selection: All documents provided in nomination of the candidate will be forwarded to all members of the Awards Committee. The selection of a recipient will be made by written ballot based on evidence of the nominee's exceptional contributions to the advancement of One Health. This award is not intended to be awarded on an annual basis, but only when a deserving recipient is identified.

The Award: The award consists of an engraved plaque specifically recognizing the awardee for their contributions to One Health. The AAVP will contribute toward the reimbursement of expenses necessary for the recipient to attend the Society's annual meeting.

AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Criteria for Nomination - Nominations are limited to graduate students enrolled in, or those who have completed their MS or PhD degree within the previous 12 months.

The award is made based only on research carried out during a student's graduate (MS or PhD) program.

Preference will be given to nominees that are enrolled in, or have received their degree from, a North American institute at the time the award is given; however, students from universities outside of North America are eligible for nomination and receipt of this award.

The student's graduate program must be in veterinary parasitology.

The nominee must have been a member of the AAVP for at least 1 year, and in good standing, at the time of nomination.

Procedure for Nomination - Solicitation of nominations for the award will be announced annually in the AAVP Newsletter. Any member of the AAVP may nominate a student by forwarding the following to the Chair of the Awards Committee:

A letter of nomination from an AAVP member in good standing describing the candidate's excellence in graduate studies and research.

A copy of the student's *curriculum vitae*.

Reprints of pertinent publications as a result of the student's graduate research. 3 letters in support of the nomination by members of the AAVP.

Only 3 letters of support, in addition to the letter of nomination, will be considered by the

Awards Committee. In the case where the nominator is not the candidate's graduate supervisor, one of the letters of support must be obtained from the candidate's graduate supervisor. To expedite the process and to ensure that all the letters of support arrive prior to the deadline, it is recommended that the nominator assemble the entire packet of information in support of the nominee, including the 3 letters, and send everything in one mailing to the Chair of the Awards Committee.

Selection - All documents provided in nomination of each candidate will be forwarded to all members of the Awards Committee. Preference will be given to graduate students from North American institutes; however, students from universities outside of North America are eligible for nomination and receipt of this award. The selection of a recipient will be made by written ballot based on evidence of excellence in graduate course work, graduate research, and graduate research publications.

The Award - The award consists of an engraved plaque and a monetary award of \$1000 provided by Merck, The AAVP will contribute toward the reimbursement of expenses necessary for the recipient to attend the Society's annual meeting.

AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Disease

Criteria for Nomination - Nominations are limited to graduate students enrolled in, or those who have completed their MS or PhD degree within the previous 12 months.

The award is made based only on research carried out during a student's graduate (MS or PhD) program.

Nominees must have been a member of the AAVP for at least 1 year, and in good standing, at the time of nomination.

Preference will be given to nominees that are enrolled in, or have received their degree from, a North American institute at the time the award is given; however, students from universities outside of North America are eligible for nomination and receipt of this award.

The student's graduate program **must be** in veterinary parasitology.

Procedure for Nomination - Solicitation of nominations for the award will be announced annually in the AAVP Newsletter. Any member of the AAVP may nominate a student by forwarding the following to the Chair of the Awards Committee:

A letter of nomination from an AAVP member in good standing describing the candidate's excellence in graduate studies and research.

A copy of the student's *curriculum vitae*.

Reprints of pertinent publications as a result of the student's graduate research. 3 letters in support of the nomination by members of the AAVP.

Only 3 letters of support, in addition to the letter of nomination, will be considered by the Awards Committee. In the case where the nominator is not the candidate's graduate supervisor, one of the letters of support must be obtained from the candidate's graduate supervisor. To expedite the process and to ensure that all of the letters of support arrive prior to the deadline, it is recommended that the nominator assemble the entire packet of information in support of the nominee, including the 3 letters, and send everything in one mailing to the Chair of the Awards Committee.

Selection - All documents provided in nomination of each candidate will be forwarded to all members of the Awards Committee. Preference will be given to graduate students from North

American institutes; however, students from universities outside of North America are eligible for nomination and receipt of this award. The selection of a recipient will be made by written ballot based on evidence of excellence in graduate course work, graduate research, and graduate research publications.

Exclusion – Students receiving the AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Disease may not also be a recipient of the AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award in the same year. However, students are eligible to receive the AAVP-CAPC award if they won the AAVP-Merck award in an earlier year.

The Award - The award consists of a Young Investigator Travel Grant, an engraved plaque, and a monetary award of \$1000 provided by CAPC.

AAVP Young Investigator Travel Grants (YITG)

Applicants must be a full-time graduate/undergraduate/DVM student enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning or an individual who is within 3 years of their terminal degree (MS, PhD, or DVM).

Only a person submitting an abstract and presenting an oral paper or poster at the annual meeting of the AAVP is eligible.

The applicant must be a member of AAVP at the time of application.

Funds must be applied to travel to the AAVP meeting held during the year of application. The applicant must be sponsored by an active, full member of the AAVP.

It is expected that matching funds for support of the applicant's travel from another source(s) will also be committed. In cases where matching funds are not available, a written justification of why the matching funds cannot be committed should be provided by the student's or postdoc's mentor.

The total amount of funds required by an applicant to attend the annual AAVP meeting in a single year will be matched by the AAVP up to a maximum of \$500.00.

An estimate of the total cost of travel to and from the AAVP meeting must be provided.

The total number of awards each year will depend on the availability of funds, number of applicants, and location of the meeting.

The completed Young Investigator Travel Grant Application Form should be obtained and submitted via the Annual Meeting web site.

AAVP Student Chapter Delegate Travel Grant (SCDTG)

The AAVP is pleased to offer a Student Chapter Delegate Travel Grant. This grant award will be offered to one delegate from each chartered Student Chapter of AAVP with the delegate to be chosen by the chapter. The Chapter Delegate Award is being offered with the hope of increasing interaction and involvement of Student Chapters at the Annual Conference.

The award will provide 50%, up to \$500, the cost to attend the AAVP annual conference. The candidate must be a student member of AAVP (dues paid) and will be required to submit a Student Chapter Delegate Travel Award application, as well as provide a letter of support from the chapter's faculty advisor.

Student chapter delegates will not be required to submit an abstract for presentation to receive the award. However, the chosen delegate will present a brief, up to 5 minute summary of their chapter's activities at the Monday student luncheon, and will be expected to be in attendance for a significant portion of the conference.

Applications will be available in the student forms section of the AAVP website and will be due at the same time as Young Investigator Travel Grant applications. Students will not be able to receive both the Student Chapter Delegate Travel Grant and the Young Investigator Travel Grant.

Commonly asked questions and answers

Q: How many papers can a student submit for the Best Student Paper Competition?

A: One. However, a student may submit more than one abstract (as the presenter) and the second one will be placed into an appropriate session by the Program Chair as a general research presentation. If the student submits more than one abstract, they must designate which abstract they want to present in the Best Student Paper Competition.

Q: Is it required that the recipient of an AAVP Young Investigator Travel grant present their abstract as part of the Best Student Paper Competition?

A: No. It is at their discretion and should be indicated on the Annual Meeting web site at the time of application for a Young Investigator Travel grant. N.B. It will be assumed by the Awards Committee Chair and the Program Chair that they wish to be part of the Best Student Paper Competition unless they request that their abstract be placed into, and presented as, a general research presentation.

Q: Can a student who attends the annual meeting and does not apply for, or receive, a Young Investigator Travel grant still participate and compete in the Best Student Paper Competition?

A: Yes. It is important that the student indicates their desire to compete in the Best Student Paper Competition on the Annual Meeting web site at the time of submission of their abstract. The student must also complete and submit the Verification of Student Status form on the web site.

Q: Is the recipient of the AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award eligible to enter and compete in the Best Student Paper Competition?

A: No. The Outstanding Graduate Student recipient is expected to give an approximate 30-minute overview of their research program at the start of the Best Student Paper competition. The abstract they have submitted can be placed into one of the general research presentation sessions if so desired. The graduate student should notify the Program Chair and the Awards Chair of how their abstract should be handled as soon as they are notified they have been selected to receive the Outstanding Graduate Student Award.

Q: Is the recipient of the AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award eligible to apply for, and then to receive, a Young Investigator Travel Grant?

A: No. Since the recipient of the Outstanding Graduate Student Award has all of their travel expenses paid by AAVP, they cannot receive additional matching travel grant funds.

Q: Is a previous years' recipient of the AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award eligible to be part of the Best Student Paper Competition at a subsequent meeting?

A: Yes, if the student wishes to compete in the Best Student Paper Competition.

Q: Is a previous year's recipient of the AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award or AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Disease eligible to apply again for the same award?

A: No. They have won it once and are not eligible to repeat.

Q: Can a student who receives a Young Investigator Travel Grant in one year apply for and receive a Young Investigator Travel Grant at a subsequent meeting?

A: Yes. As long as they meet all of the requirements listed for a Travel Grant.

Q: Can a student receive both the AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award and the AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Disease in the same year?

A: No. Students receiving the AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Disease may not also be a recipient of the AAVP-Merck Outstanding Graduate Student Award in the same year. However, students are eligible to receive the AAVP-CAPC award if they won the AAVP-Merck award in an earlier year, and vice versa.