



Trainee Investigator Award

ISSUE DATE:	October 1, 2026
NOMINATION DUE DATE:	December 7, 2026 by 11:59 pm ET
SELECTION NOTIFICATION:	By March 31, 2027
AMOUNT OF AWARD:	• 1st place: \$1,000 • 3 honorable mentions: \$500 each
NOMINATION SUBMISSION:	https://www.abstractscorecard.com/cfp/submit/login.asp?EventKey=UAXBSHGU
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FUNDING INFORMATION

The Trainee Investigator Award provides the following to the selected award recipients:

- 1st Place: \$1,000
- 3 honorable mentions: \$500 each

This AASM Foundation award is supported by AASM Foundation general funds.

ELIGIBILITY

- The following individuals are eligible to self-nominate:
 - Undergraduate Student
 - Graduate Student
 - Master's Student
 - Medical Student – Preclinical
 - Medical Student – Clinical
 - Resident

- Fellow (sleep medicine)
- Fellow (non-sleep related)
- PhD Student
- Postdoctoral researchers
- Advanced Practice Provider Program Students (PA, NP, etc.)
- Allied Health Program Students (sleep technologist, respiratory therapist, etc.)
- International applicants, who meet all the eligibility criteria and can accept the payment of grant funds in U.S. dollars, are eligible to self-nominate

INELIGIBILITY

The following individuals are NOT eligible to self-nominate:

- Current AASM and AASM Foundation Board of Directors members
- AASM Foundation Research Career Development Committee members
- Individuals located in, or operating from, countries subject to U.S. Office of Foreign Assets Control sanctions are not eligible to receive AASM Foundation funding

NOMINATION REVIEW CRITERIA AND PROCESS

The AASM Foundation Research Career Development Committee will evaluate and score all submitted nominations and approve recipients for the award. Factors that will be taken into consideration include:

1. **Clarity:** Is the abstract clear, well-organized, and easy to understand?
2. **Methodology:** Are the research questions, methods, and results clearly presented and justified?
3. **Significance:** Is the topic important, timely, and does it make a significant contribution to the field?
4. **Innovation:** Is the work original, innovative, and does it offer new insights or approaches?

NOMINATION

To submit a nomination for this award, you must submit an abstract to the SLEEP 2027 meeting. Please check YES to the following question in the SLEEP meeting abstract submission portal:

- Would you like to apply for the AASM Foundation Trainee Investigator Award?

NOMINATION QUESTIONS

Frequently asked questions for our grant programs can be found [here](#).

We encourage potential applicants to contact us early in the nomination process with questions. Eligibility questions may need to be reviewed by a member of the AASM Foundation Executive Committee, so please allow for at least a 1-week response time for eligibility questions. For all other inquiries, please allow a minimum of two business days for a response. Please note that inquiries submitted two business days prior to a nomination deadline may not be answered in time.