



Institut Mérieux – SBMT Young Investigator Awards-2017

Tropical diseases are a major public health issue worldwide. The Institut Mérieux and its entities have been committed for many years in the fight against infectious diseases, including tropical diseases. In order to provide an incentive for promising young investigators working in this field, Institut Mérieux allocates several awards worldwide to researchers or clinicians at the beginning of their career in recognition of a major achievement having significant impact on the field. To maximize the visibility of such an award, and ensure proper selection of the candidates, Institut Mérieux relies on the expertise of well-established associations in each selected country. Institut Mérieux and the Brazilian Society of Tropical Medicine (SBMT) have decided to allocate in 2017 a joint Young Investigator Award of 10,000 €, that will be given to a Brazilian laureate during the SBMT annual congress on August 27-30, 2017.

Selection criteria of the laureate

- Applicants are current members of the Brazilian Society of Tropical Medicine
- Serving in a Brazilian hospital or in a relevant Brazilian research institution on a full time basis as infectious disease clinician, clinical or molecular microbiologist or epidemiologist.
- With less than 10 years of working experience in tropical diseases after their PhD conclusion.
- Involved and made significant contribution in tropical diseases research and/or patient management with a national impact.
- Indicators of impact could be either publication(s) in prominent international journals and/or implementation of guidelines/protocols having led to significant improvements in tropical diseases.



Selection process and conditions

- Applications for the award should reach SBMT on or before **August 05th, 2017**.

For the award, please submit the following application **in English** through email to sbmt@sbmt.org.br.

- Full name of nominee and contact information (email address and cell phone number)
 - A brief CV of nominee detailing his/her professional history
 - One to two pages description of research and/or clinical projects the young investigator has performed which could be considered for the award. Attaching substantiating evidence such as publication of the nominees work is encouraged
 - One to two pages description of ongoing and future research undertaken by the applicant in the field of tropical diseases
 - A picture of the nominee
 - A recommendation letter from the host institution where the nominee is working at the time of application (optional)
- Members of a scientific committee appointed by SBMT will assess the applications and will rank two to three suitable applications, which will be forwarded to the scientific board of Institut Mérieux with their recommendations for the selection of the laureate. Institut Mérieux keeps the possibility not to allocate any award if none of the proposal is meeting minimum qualification for the award.
 - Institut Mérieux will notify SBMT the name of the laureate for the year 2017. SBMT will organize an award ceremony during its annual congress to be held in August 2017.
 - In order to receive the award funds, which is not exceeding €10,000 (ten thousand euros), SBMT should engage an agreement with the laureate, and both will hold responsibility for proper utilization of the fund for research by the laureate. Funds will be used only for research purposes over a 12 month-period.