Innovation Scholarship Award 2023

The goal of the Innovation Scholarship Award is to recognize and further a significant body of work in the fields of HLA, immunogenetics and/or transplant immunology as demonstrated by publications, educational initiatives and/or developed translational tools and analyses. Each of three recipients will receive a $1500 honorarium. These awards will be presented at the ASHI annual meeting when distinguished candidates are identified.

Eligibility criteria:

The Innovation Scholarship Award will be offered to applicants that have demonstrated exceptional ability and innovation in basic research, education, or bioinformatics related to the fields of immunogenetics, histocompatibility and/or transplant immunology. Applicants can be nominated by others or self-nominate. One of three awards will be granted for the following:

- Category 1: **Outstanding original science.** Evidenced/judged by a peer-reviewed publication or abstract accepted within the last 12 months (1 award) - preference will be given to mid-level and junior investigators, trainees or post-docs
- Category 2: **Excellence in teaching.** Evidenced/judged by an original syllabus, workshop curriculum, or other educational material in the field of histocompatibility, Immunogenetics and/or transplant immunology. Educational content creation (1 award) – Investigators will be considered from all career levels
- Category 3: **Development of a publicly available informatics or analytical tool, software, web app or other interpretative resource** in histocompatibility, Immunogenetics and/or transplant immunology. Evidenced/judged by the resource. Analytical or interpretational analysis – ASHI abstract and video demonstration should be submitted for evaluation (1 award) – preference will be given to mid-level and junior investigators, trainees or post-docs.

Application requirements:

- Innovation Scholarship Award Nomination letter (1000 words or less)
- Applicant biosketch or curriculum vitae
- Only one author or scholar nominee is permitted per specific work (manuscript, syllabus, or resource)
- Two letters of support describing the significance and impact of the nominee’s work
- Category 1: Attach the referenced publication if applying in this category. Applicant recommended to be first or senior author of the publication.
- Category 2: Attach description of the educational product if applying in this category
- Category 3: Submit an ASHI abstract and a demonstration (eg. video or screen capture) describing the tools and/or analysis performed if applying in this category and link to the resource web page. Abstract should follow the ASHI guidelines for abstract submission.
- Both ASHI members and non-members are welcome to apply.

Selection of Awardees:

The initial Selection Committee will consist of current ASHI – Basic Science subcommittee members. Following committees can be formed of past awards winners. Judging of applications will be based on the following:

- Evidenced by publication, syllabus or demonstrated analysis resource
- Good standing of applicant in their home institution
- Information presented is new, relevant to the award criteria and supported by the data
- Attendance at the ASHI 2023 Annual Meeting for award recognition
- Educational content or new informatics or analytics tools shall be disseminated to the ASHI community within the applicant’s institutional guidelines

Award notifications are expected by email no later than September 2023, and awards will be presented in person at the annual ASHI Meeting.