



## Early Career Faculty Travel Awards

The Early Career Faculty Travel Award highlights AAA's commitment to supporting biomedical researchers early in their training and encourage the participation of students and early career anatomist at the Annual Meeting. Eligible candidates must be AAA members and be the first author and presenter at EB, giving either a poster or a platform presentation.

The Committee for Early Career Anatomists (CECA) will blindly review the abstracts, without knowing the names of the authors, sponsors, or institutions. CECA will score each abstract based on scientific merit and specifically, the following:

- **Introduction & Objective (5 pts)** – Was the research question/objective stated clearly? The introduction should provide context to your reader, an introduction to your topic and its importance, and your study objective, question, or hypothesis, whichever is appropriate.
- **Materials and Methods (5 pts)** – Was the approach/method for answering the question stated clearly and is it appropriate to the study? The materials and methods section should include brief, clear statements of the appropriate methods used to conduct the study. Keep this as straightforward as you can. If the methods were unusual or novel describe in slightly more detail.
- **Results (10 pts)** – Were the results clearly stated and placed in their appropriate context? A summary of the most important results must be included. Key findings should be clear, concise, and explicit. Results should include supporting data. Lack of results with supporting data will lead to your abstract score being lowered for this section. Include appropriate statistics to support claims of significance.
- **Conclusion (5 pts)** – Did the conclusion clearly communicate the take-home message from the study and did it relate to the study objective(s)?
- **Significance/Implications (10 pts)** – Did the author effectively communicate the significance of the results? This section should also include the importance/significance of the findings, and directions for future work and next steps. This is your opportunity to describe the significance of your findings to science and/or the translation of your findings to progress in your field.

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**Early Career Travel Award** – The top 5 highest rated abstracts in the Early Career category will be awarded an Early Career Travel Award. Must be a junior faculty member (within 10 years of highest degree) who is first author and presenter of a poster or a platform presentation at EB.

Abstracts prepared for this competition should be submitted electronically to [www.experimentalbiology.org](http://www.experimentalbiology.org) through the regular abstract submission process by **November 30**

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

### **Do I need to be a member of AAA in order to qualify for a Travel Award?**

Yes, one of the qualifications is that you are a member of AAA. You will need to indicate that you are a member of "Anatomy" and select AAA as your sponsoring society when you submit you're abstract online.

### **Do I need to be listed as a first author?**

Yes, you must be listed as first author in order to be eligible for an AAA Travel Award

### **Do I need to submit an abstract with an AAA topic category?**

Yes, the topic category must be an AAA abstract topic category (7000-7066 AAA) to receive a travel award.

### **Do I need to select AAA as my sponsoring society?**

Yes, AAA must be selected as your sponsoring society in order to apply for an AAA Travel Award and when registering, you must select that you are a member of AAA.

### **What should I choose for my "presentation preference"?**

Choose Oral, Poster, or Indifferent.

### **When will I be notified about the award?**

Recipients are notified about 8 weeks after the abstract deadline.

### **When will the travel awards be distributed?**

The travel award checks will be distributed at the meeting in the Anatomy Lounge at the Convention Center after 4pm on the day of your presentation.

### **Do I need to attend the meeting in order to receive the travel award?**

Yes, you will need to attend the Annual Meeting in order to receive the travel award. You cannot transfer it to another student or member.