

Institut Mérieux – JAID

Young Investigator Award - 2023

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a major public health issue worldwide. The Institut Mérieux and its entities have been committed for many years in the fight against AMR and improvement of antibiotic stewardship. In order to provide an incentive for promising young investigators working in the field of AMR, Institut Mérieux wishes to allocate several awards worldwide to researchers or clinicians at the beginning of their career in recognition of a major achievement having significant impact on the handling of AMR and more globally on infectious disease diagnostics. 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 working in the field of AMR in each selected countries.

Institut Mérieux and The Japanese Association for Infectious Diseases have decided to allocate in 2023 a joint Young Investigator Award of 10,000 €, that will be given to the laureate during The 96th Annual Conference of The Japanese Association for Infectious Diseases.

Selection criteria

- Investigators/applicants are current members of The Japanese Association for Infectious Diseases.
- Serving in a hospital or in a relevant research institution on a full time basis as infectious disease clinician, clinical or molecular microbiologist or epidemiologist.
- With less than 15 years of clinical practice experience or less than 10 year of working experience in microbiology after their postgraduate qualification.
- Involved and made significant contribution to infectious disease diagnostics, AMR 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 the following areas.
 - Antimicrobial resistance control.
 - Development of new tools / approach in controlling antimicrobial resistance.
 - Adoption of an innovative approach in patient management for controlling antimicrobial resistance.
 - Any actions having led to improved control / reduction of hospital acquired infection rate.



Selection process and Conditions.

- Applications for the award should reach The Japanese Association for Infectious Diseases on or before January 31, 2023.
- For the award, please submit the following through email to info@kansensho.or.jp or through post to Nichinai Bld., 2F, 3-28-8, Hongo, Bunkyo-Ku, Tokyo, Japan, 113-0033 (see attached application form).
 - Full name of nominee and contact information (email address and cellphone number)
 - A brief CV of Nominee (3 pages maximum) detailing the professional history of the nominee, including a list of maximum 15 publications.
 - Two pages description of research and / or clinical projects the young researcher have performed which could be considered for the award. Attaching substantiating evidence such as publication of the nominees work is encouraged.
 - Three pages description of ongoing and future research undertaken by the applicant in the field of AMR and/or infectious disease diagnostics
 - A recommendation letter from the host institution where the nominee is working at the time of application.
- Members of scientific council of The Japanese Association for Infectious Diseases will assess the applications and will choose 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. The 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 The Japanese Association for Infectious Diseases the name of the laureate for the year 2023. The Japanese Association for Infectious Diseases will organize an award ceremony during its annual congress to be held in April 29, 2023.
- To receive the funds, which does not exceed €10,000 (euros ten thousand), the Society or the Institution hosting the laureate should engage an agreement with Institut Mérieux. The funds will be transferred solely to the Society or to the institution hosting the laureate. The party signing the agreement will therefore be responsible for the proper use of the funds for research by the laureate.