

**ACSM Aging Interest Group/Strategic Health Initiative on Aging  
2023 Student and Post-Doctoral Fellow Research Awards**

The ACSM Aging Interest Group (AIG) and the Strategic Health Initiative on Aging (SHI-A) are pleased to announce the 2023 Research Awards. This award program recognizes exemplary achievements by promising students and early-career scientists in the field of aging and exercise.

***Student Research Awards***

The AIG Awards Committee will score each abstract based on scientific quality and contribution to the field of aging using a standard scoresheet. For the Student Award, we will determine the top three finalists based on the highest average ranked scores. The three finalists will be expected to present a poster during the networking portion of the Aging Interest Group meeting at the 2023 ACSM Annual Meeting in Denver, CO, date/time TBD. Awards: First place –\$500 prize; Second place – \$300 prize; and Third place – \$200 prize.

***Post-Doctoral Fellow Research Award***

The AIG Awards Committee will score each abstract based on scientific quality and contribution to the field of aging using a standard scoresheet. For the Post-Doc award, we will determine the winner based on the highest average ranked score. The winner will be expected to present a poster during the networking portion of the Aging Interest Group meeting at the 2023 ACSM Annual Meeting in Denver, CO, day/time TBD. Award: \$250 prize.

***Eligibility***

For award consideration, all applicants must be a current ACSM member as well as the first author of an abstract accepted for presentation at the 2023 ACSM Annual Meeting. Note: We will accept for consideration applications from students that submitted late breaker abstracts. We will not accept multiple submissions - only one abstract per applicant. Previous first place Student Awardees are not eligible for another student award, but can apply for the Post-Doctoral Fellow Award if applicable. Previous Post-Doctoral Fellow Awardees cannot apply again. Student award category is based by your status at the time of 2023 ACSM Annual Meeting.

***Application Due Date***

Electronic applications are due by **11:59pm EDT, Friday, April 14, 2023**. Finalists will be notified by **Friday, May 5**.

***Application Submission Materials/Instructions***

- 1) **Submit your accepted abstract for the 2023 ACSM annual meeting.** Make sure to include title, authors, institutions, and funding source(s).
- 2) Abstracts should use bias-free language in referring to older adults. This includes using the term “older adults” rather than “the aged” or “elderly”, and specifying age groups included in the research project. Bias-free language examples can be found in these links from the [APA](#) and the [Journal of the American Geriatrics Society](#).
- 3) **Statement of nomination/endorsement from applicant’s academic advisor or post-doctoral mentor.** This brief note should state the applicant’s contributions and specific role on the submitted abstract. The letter should also specify that the applicant is applying for the ACSM AIG/SHI-A Student Research award. Email is appropriate. Formal letter of support is not required.
- 3) **Copy of e-mail correspondence or acceptance letter from 2023 ACSM verifying your presentation at the ACSM Annual meeting, or evidence of submission for late breaker abstracts.**
- 4) **Proof of ACSM current membership.**
- 5) **Submit applications electronically in a single PDF file to [ACSM.AIGChairs@gmail.com](mailto:ACSM.AIGChairs@gmail.com).** You must submit all materials no later than **11:59pm EDT, Friday, April 14, 2023**. Please put your “FIRST INITIAL, LAST NAME - AIG STUDENT AWARD APPLICATION” in the subject header of the application e-mail.

Please direct any questions regarding the submission process to Brittney Lange-Maia, PhD, MPH at [ACSM.AIGChairs@gmail.com](mailto:ACSM.AIGChairs@gmail.com).

We look forward to your submission!