2014 Annual Meeting Scientific Abstract Award Criteria

Applications must be submitted during the abstract submission process, and completed by the February 17 deadline.

For the resident and nurses awards, please be sure to indicate “resident” or “nurse” in the author information in order to be eligible.

Award notifications will be sent via email starting late May 2014.

*Attendance at the meeting is required in order to receive your award and honorarium.*

Award winners will be recognized in the Proceedings and onsite at the Annual Meeting, in addition to the method listed below within the award description.

**RESIDENT CLINICAL/BASIC SCIENCE RESEARCH ABSTRACT AWARD**

- This award is designed to promote clinical research by young scientists. The award is granted to the top three resident authors of significant abstracts in biology, clinical practice and physics. The award includes a $1,500 honorarium, a trophy of recognition and complimentary registration to the Annual Meeting.
  1. The paper must be submitted by a current resident-in-training, or out of training up to one year.
  2. **ASTRO membership is required.**
  3. The paper must be written by and represent primarily the work of the resident. The work should be current, but need not be confined entirely to the present year.
  4. The individual’s department chairman or program director must support resident eligibility for the award. (Chairman or Director’s name is required when completing the information).
  5. Any papers that have been presented elsewhere or published prior to the Annual Meeting are not eligible for consideration.
  6. Any area of radiation oncology related research is eligible.
  7. Recipients of the award will be chosen from a pool of all accepted abstracts where the author was indicated as “resident.”
  8. This award may not be given more than once to the same individual.
  9. An award will not be given if there are no papers of acceptable quality.

**BASIC SCIENCE ABSTRACT AWARD**

- This award is designed to encourage participation in the ASTRO Annual Meeting by basic scientists. Up to 10 awards will be given to applicants having the top rated abstracts in the biology or physics category. Five awards will be reserved for biology, and 5 for physics applicants. Winners can be a mix of Jr. level and Sr. level investigators. The award includes a $1,000 honorarium, a certificate of recognition and complimentary registration to the Annual Meeting.
  1. Applicants must be first author on an abstract accepted for presentation at the current year Annual Meeting.
  2. Applicant must have selected “Radiation and Cancer Biology” or “Radiation Physics” in the topic area of the online abstract submission site.
  3. Junior Investigators must have completed an ACGME-accredited residency or Ph.D. program no more than four (4) years prior to the abstract submission deadline.
  4. Senior Investigator awards are available only to biologists or physicists four to ten years post Ph.D. or board certification (whichever comes later).
  5. Applicants must be endorsed by their current department chair.
  6. An award may not be given more than once to the same individual.
7. ASTRO membership is not required.

NURSES’ ABSTRACT AWARD
• This award is designed to promote clinical research among radiation oncology nurses. Two awards of $1,000 will be presented to the highest rated abstracts with a nursing designation. The winners receive a certificate of recognition and complimentary registration to the Annual Meeting.
   1. Applicant must be first author on an abstract accepted for presentation at the current year Annual Meeting.
   2. Applicant must have marked “I am currently a Nurse” in the Author Information area of the online abstract submission site.
   3. Award will be given to the top-rated abstract that meets this criteria.
   4. An award may not be given more than once to the same individual.
   5. ASTRO membership is not required.

INTERNATIONAL – U.S. SCIENTIFIC ABSTRACT AWARD
• This grant is designed to foster continuing medical education, assist in career development and help to establish relationships with leading ASTRO members who may serve as scientific mentors to each recipient. One award of $4,000 will be used to support a radiation oncologist in a developing country to attend the ASTRO Annual Meeting and to spend additional time at a comprehensive cancer center within the United States. The award includes a certificate of recognition and a complimentary registration to the Annual Meeting.
   1. Applicants must be first author on an abstract accepted for presentation at the current year Annual Meeting.
   2. Applicants must submit complete information:
      a. A 2 page curriculum vitae
      b. A letter of support from the Chair (Mentor) of the Institution that will host your 1 week visit in the United States
   3. Completed information should be attached to the award application in the online submission site by the deadline (February 17, 2014).
   4. An award may not be given more than once to the same individual.
   5. ASTRO membership is not required.
   6. The criteria for a developing country is based on the World Bank definition.
   7. Following the 1 week visit, the award winner will be asked to provide a written summary of their visit to the US facility.

ANNUAL MEETING TRAVEL AWARDS
• This award is designed to recognize outstanding abstracts submitted by early career scientists, biologists and physicists. Up to 15 awards will be given (5 in each category) to offset travel expenses to the meeting. The award includes a $1,000 honorarium, a certificate of recognition and complimentary registration to the Annual Meeting.
   1. Applicant must be first author on an abstract accepted for presentation at the current year Annual Meeting.
   2. Completed information must be included in the online submission site by the deadline (February 17, 2014).
   3. An award may not be given to the same individual more than once.
   4. ASTRO membership is not required.