



**YOUNG
INVESTIGATORS
AWARDS**

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African Association for research and control of Anti-Microbial Resistance "AAAMR"

Young Investigators Award – 2020

The fight against infectious diseases and more specifically against antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a global public health issue. Institut Mérieux and its subsidiaries have been involved for several years in the control and fight against antimicrobial resistance.

In order to reward promising and talented young scientists working in the field of infectious diseases, Institut Mérieux has set up a worldwide prize for young researchers, biologists and/or physicians at the beginning of their careers, in recognition of major and significant achievements in understanding the mechanisms of infection and antimicrobial resistance, the epidemiology of infections, the development of new diagnostic solutions to better fight AMR, the implementation of infection control and prevention in the hospital environment and the improvement of antibiotic management. To maximize the visibility of such an award and guarantee the appropriate selection of candidates in each selected country, Institut Mérieux relies on the expertise of recognized local institutions in the field of AMR and infectious diseases.

Institut Mérieux and AAAMR have decided to award two Young Investigator prizes of a €10,000 each in 2020 (one Francophone and one Anglophone prize). The prizes will be presented to the winners during a Webinar on antimicrobial resistance, which will be organized by AAAMR in quarter 4 of 2020. The prizes to be administered through the recipient's institution will be used for research on AMR.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be an investigator member of AAAMR¹ and national of one of the AAAMR member countries²
- Have a full-time position in a hospital or research institution, as a physician in an infectious disease department, clinical or a molecular microbiologist or an epidemiologist or equivalent
- Be a researcher with a PhD/MD/PharmD or equivalent for less than 10 years³

Be involved in and have made a significant contribution to research on infectious diseases, AMR and/or patient management with national impact. Impact indicators could be either publications in renowned international journals or the establishment of guidelines/protocols that have led to significant improvements in the following areas:

- Fight against antimicrobial resistance (molecular understanding of resistance mechanisms, epidemiology of infections and their resistance, development of alternatives to antibiotics, etc.)
- Development of new tools/approach for AMR control

¹ A candidate may join AAAMR and apply at www.africaamr.org

² List of AAAMR member countries available at www.africaamr.org

³ The date of graduation of MD/PhD/PharmD or equivalent must be clearly mentioned



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- Adopting an innovative approach to patient management to control AMR
- All actions that have led to improved control/reduction of the rate of nosocomial infections.

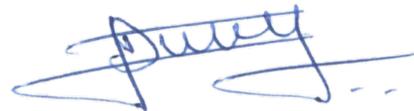
Application process and conditions.

- Applications must be submitted to AAAMR by October 15th, 2020 at 17:00GMT.
- Applications must be either in French or in English. No candidate can apply more than once.
- The following information must be sent by email to: africaaamr@gmail.com; amaiga@icermali.org;
 - Candidate's full name and contact details (email address and mobile number)
 - A CV of maximum 1 page including a passport photo of the candidate and a list of a publications
 - A one-page description of the research and/or clinical projects conducted by the young investigator that will be considered for evaluation.
 - A three-page description of the research project to be undertaken by the applicant.
 - A letter of recommendation from the host institution where the candidate works

Selection process

Members of the AAAMR Scientific Committee will evaluate the applications and select the 3 best applications which will be sent to Institut Mérieux's Scientific Council for selection of the winner. Institut Mérieux reserves the right not to award a prize if the pre-selected applications are judged to be of an insufficient level. Institut Mérieux will confirm the name of the 2020 Laureate to AAAMR who will organize the award ceremony during an annual Webinar on AMR to be held at a later date. In addition, AAAMR will award two more prizes of €1,000 and €500, respectively.

Bamako, September 12, 2020
AAAMR President



Prof. Abdoulaye DJIMDE