





# AAPM 2025 VIRTUAL MEETING MPWB/AAPM ACCESS AWARDS FOR MEDICAL PHYSICISTS & EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS

# Announcement for MPWB/AAPM Awards for Virtual Access to the AAPM 2025 Annual Meeting

#### Introduction

- 1. The goals of the MPWB initiative are:
  - a. To increase access to high quality educational, professional and scientific resources and to broaden the research scope and boost motivation of medical physicists from Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMIC) by providing free access to AAPM 2025 Annual Meeting content: <a href="https://w4.aapm.org/meetings/2025AM/index.php">https://w4.aapm.org/meetings/2025AM/index.php</a>
  - b. To help LMIC physicists promote the advancement of medical physics in their own countries.
- 2. An award in the form of free registration to access AAPM 2025 Annual Meeting content which will become available on July 27, 2025. Attendance will be On-Demand, and the Recordings will be available on the meeting platform and appear up to 24-hours post-session. Registrants will have access to all recordings on the meeting platform for 1 year following the meeting allowing content review at their own pace and time.
  - a. MPWB Access Awards
     Supports Clinical Medical Physicists, with a minimum of 2 years of work experience in a hospital.
  - b. Early Career Researcher (ECR) Access Awards
    Supports Early Career Researchers (ECR), which is defined as, but is not limited to:
    graduate students, residents, postdoctoral fellows, academic/clinical medical
    physicists, or faculty who are actively engaged in research within the first 5 years of
    independent positions (i.e., 5 years from completing graduate studies, postdoctoral
    fellowship, or residency program). This initiative is organized in collaboration with
    the AAPM Global Early Career Research Subcommittee (GECRSC) of the Global
    Research and Scientific Innovation Committee.
- 3. To be considered for the award, please submit the Application Form for MPWB/AAPM Awards for Virtual Access to AAPM 2025 Annual Meeting.

# Google Form:

https://forms.gle/ZxJ8V73NweQ5AwgU7



If you have any questions, please email MPWB (<a href="mailto:medphyswb@gmail.com">medphyswb@gmail.com</a>) and GECRSC (<a href="mailto:2025.GECRSC@aapm.org">2025.GECRSC@aapm.org</a>) with the subject "MPWB/AAPM 2025 Access Awards Application"







#### **Guidelines for Award**

Applicants who comply with all the requirements shall be assessed and scored according to the evaluation criteria shown below.

### **Application Requirements**

- The applicant must be a medical physicist living and working in a LMIC according to the AAPM list of developing countries: <a href="https://www.aapm.org/org/developing">https://www.aapm.org/org/developing</a> countries.asp?tab=1#TabbedPanels1
- 2. Application forms must be submitted through either the **Google Form** or by e-mail to MPWB.
- 3. **MPWB Award Eligibility:** A minimum of 2 years of work experience in a hospital as Medical Physicist is required for eligibility.
- 4. **ECR Award Eligibility:** An eligible ECR (graduate student, resident, postdoc, or within first 5 years of an independent position) actively engaged in research.
- 5. After the AAPM 2025 Meeting, each awardee shall, within 2 months, submit a short report to the MPWB and/or AAPM on what was accomplished.

#### **Evaluation Criteria**

#### MPWB Access Awards

Eligible applicants will be scored on the following categories:

- Physicists from the lowest income countries (where the applicant works) according to the World Bank 2024 data will be given priority. The Motivation Statement in the application to demonstrate need to attend the meeting will be scored in the evaluation
- 2. Priority will be given to those candidates who have not received the award in the past
- 3. The selection will take into consideration geographical spread of awardees and gender balance.
- 4. Active members of MPWB, as of 2025, will be given a priority for MPWB Awards.

# AAPM ECR Access Awards

Eligible applicants will be scored on the following categories:

- 1. Physicists from the lowest income countries (where the applicant works) according to the World Bank 2024 data will be given priority. The Motivation Statement in the application to demonstrate need to attend the meeting will be scored in the evaluation.
- 2. The ECR Research Statement in the application will demonstrate research ability and potential.
- 3. Priority will be given to those candidates that had not received the award in the past.
- 4. The selection will take into consideration geographical spread of awardees and gender balance.
- 5. Membership to MPWB or AAPM is not required. Awardees will be invited to apply for an AAPM International Affiliate Membership.

The number of MPWB and ECR Awards will be limited.

## **Application Timelines & Deadlines**

- 1. Award application form submission is closing on <u>June 6, 2025</u>. Late submissions will not be considered.
- 2. The selection will be made and the winners notified by July 7, 2025.
- 3. The registration to the AAPM meeting of awarded nominees will be done by <u>July 20, 2025</u>, ahead of the AAPM meeting commencement on <u>July 27, 2025</u>.