

ACSM Aging Interest Group/Strategic Health Initiative on Aging 2025 Student and Post-Doctoral Fellow Research Awards

The ACSM Aging Interest Group (AIG) is pleased to announce the 2025 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 give a synopsis of their work during the networking portion of the Aging Interest Group meeting at the 2025 ACSM Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA (date/time TBD). Awards: First place – **\$500 prize**; Second place – **\$400 prize**; and Third place – **\$300 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 2025 ACSM Annual Meeting in Boston, MA (day/time TBD). Award: **\$550 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 2025 ACSM Annual Meeting. 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 2025 ACSM Annual Meeting.

Application Due Date

Electronic applications are due by **11:59pm PDT, Friday, April 18, 2025**. Finalists will be notified by **Tuesday, April 29th, 2025**.

Application Submission Materials/Instructions

- 1) **Submit your accepted abstract for the 2025 ACSM annual meeting.** Make sure to include title, authors, institutions, and funding source(s) (or N/A if there is no funding source).
- 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 (i.e., e-mail) should state the applicant’s contributions and specific role on the submitted abstract. The note should also specify that the applicant is applying for the ACSM AIG Student Research award. Please note, a formal letter of support is **not** required.
- 4) **Copy of e-mail correspondence or acceptance letter from 2025 ACSM verifying your presentation at the ACSM Annual meeting, or evidence of submission for late breaker abstracts.**
- 5) **Proof of ACSM current membership.**
- 6) **Submit applications electronically in a single PDF file to ACSM.AIGChairs@gmail.com.**
You must submit all materials no later than **11:59pm PDT, Friday, April 18, 2025**.
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.

We look forward to your submission!