

## Overview of the 2022 SEASR Annual Meeting Travel and Best Poster Awards:

### 1. **NEW for 2022!** Travel award for under represented institutions (URIs); no poster presentation required- (up to two awards)

- a. Applicant must submit a CV (or NIH biosketch) along with a statement of purpose for attending SEASR 2022 (max 300 words). The personal statement will be submitted in lieu of the poster abstract.
- b. Applicant must be from an URI outside of the greater Nashville area (>50 miles).
- c. There is no cash value for this award. Each awardee will receive post-travel reimbursement for eligible travel expenses (**max \$600**). (See below for eligibility guidelines)

### 2. **NEW for 2022!** Travel award for selected short-talk scientific session speakers; poster abstract submission required - (up to two awards)

- a. Speakers will be chosen from submitted poster abstracts. If you want to be considered for this award, please select the "short talk" option instead of the "poster only" option while submitting the poster abstract. Applicants who select the short talk option, but who are not selected for a travel award are eligible to present a poster during the poster session on Thursday evening, June 9th.

The primary purpose of this award is to facilitate early career investigators to present their data generated in collaboration with a core facility.

- b. Applicant must be traveling from outside the greater Nashville area.
- c. There is no cash value for this award. Each awardee will receive a post-travel reimbursement for eligible travel expenses (**max \$600**). (See below for eligibility guidelines)

### 3. **Best poster award (awarded after on-site, in-person judging); poster abstract submission and on-site presentation required - (one award)**

- a. All poster abstracts will be considered for this award. Posters must be presented and judged in person on Thursday, June 9th to be eligible.
- b. A gift card will be awarded to the winner at the meeting.

#### **General award eligibility guidelines:**

- a. Applicants must first register for the SEASR 2022 annual meeting in order to be considered for any of the awards. (Meeting registration is free, based on generous support of multiple institutional and commercial vendors).
- b. Commercial sponsors are not eligible for travel or poster awards.
- c. Early career researchers will be given priority for all awards (for example, postdocs and core facility staff will be given preference over a core facility manager or a core director).
- d. In the event that the same person requests consideration for more than one award type and qualifies for more than one award, only one award per person will be given, selection will be at the discretion of the SEASR Executive Board (EB).
- e. Travel award applications will be reviewed by the SEASR EB and their decisions are final.

#### **Eligible travel expenses:**

Awardees will receive post-travel reimbursements (**max \$600**) for their eligible travel expenses once the following criteria are met:

- a. Proof of itemized travel expenses in the form of receipts (e.g., airfare, boarding passes, hotel booking, or miles traveled to attend the meeting, if using personal vehicle, or meals). Scanned copies of receipts and boarding passes are sufficient.
- b. After the conference, please submit the travel expense report at [oc@seasr.abrf.org](mailto:oc@seasr.abrf.org) with "Travel Award Reimbursement-SEASR 2022" as subject line to expedite reimbursement.
- c. It is preferred that awardees stay at the annual meeting venue (the Marriott Nashville at Vanderbilt University), which will offer discounted room rates during the conference. Hotel room block information will be announced in March of 2022.
- d. SEASR cannot pre-pay or provide any pre-travel advances, only post-travel reimbursements will be provided.
- e. Local attendees (from institutions inside the greater Nashville area) are not eligible for travel reimbursements, but may be selected for presenting a short talk in person.

**IMPORTANT DEADLINES:**

- Deadline to submit all abstracts to be considered for award types: April 15th, 2022, 11:59PM CST.
- Decisions on travel awards and short talk selections will be made by May 3rd, 2022.
- Recipients will be notified of awards by email using the address provided during registration.