

# John W. Stanford New Investigator Award for Standards-Related Research Paper

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Applications Due October 1, 2024

The American Dental Association (ADA) is accepting applications for the 2025 John W. Stanford New Investigator Award. Dental standards are developed by dental professionals to establish specific technical, performance and/or safety requirements for dental products. The John W. Stanford New Investigator Award was designed to highlight the crucial role that dental standards play in patient health and safety and in the efficacy of dental products. The Award aims to encourage more dentists and dental students to conduct standards-based research and participate in standards development.

ADA dental student members, ADA members who have earned their dental degree no earlier than 2019, and ADA members pursuing an additional degree or specialty are eligible to apply for the 2025 John W. Stanford New Investigator Award.

Acceptable submissions include:

- (a) An original standards-related research report of no more than 3,000 words and completed within the academic year 2022-2024 but not published;
- (b) A standards-related article published within the academic year 2022-2024; or
- (c) A standards-related extended abstract or poster developed within the academic year 2022-2024. The abstract should include extended detail on methods and discussion sections.

All submissions must include one of the above options and an explanation in 250 words or less of how the research incorporates current dental standards and/or contributes to the development of dental standards. The statement must be included on the accompanying submission form. Research papers that have already received the Robert A. Ahlstrom New Investigator Award are not eligible to be submitted for the John W. Stanford New Investigator Award.

The awards committee is composed of a member of the ADA Board of Trustees, as well as leaders from the ADA Council on Scientific Affairs and the ADA Standards Program Oversight Committee. The awards committee, along with the ADA Council on Scientific Affairs, will select the winner, who will be notified in December. The winner will receive a \$1,000 honorarium, U.S. domestic airfare and a three-night hotel stay to present his or her award-winning paper in March 2025 at the ADA Standards Meeting in New York City. The winner will also be announced in the ADA publication, *ADA News*. Submissions that are not selected will be held for consideration for the 2026 award.

The ADA has played a key role in the development of dental standards since 1928. The namesake of this award, the late Dr. John W. Stanford, was a pivotal force in dental standards development for more than 40 years and was responsible for the establishment of the ADA's current standards program.

For application materials for the John W. Stanford New Investigator Award, please visit: [ADA.org/stanford-award](https://ada.org/stanford-award).