American Dental Association
John W. Stanford New Investigator Award for Standards-Related Research Paper

Applications Due December 15, 2020

The American Dental Association (ADA) is accepting applications for the 2020 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 2015, and ADA members pursuing an additional degree or specialty are eligible to apply for the 2020 John W. Stanford New Investigator Award.

Acceptable submissions include:

(a) An original standards-related research report completed within the academic year 2019–2020 but not published;
(b) A standards-related article published within the academic year 2019–2020; or
(c) A standards-related extended abstract or poster developed within the academic year 2019–2020. 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.

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 Committee on Dental Products. The awards committee, along with the ADA Council on Scientific Affairs, will select the winner, who will be notified in January. The winner will receive a $1,000 honorarium, airfare to/from the U.S. and a three-night hotel stay to present his or her award-winning paper in July 2021 at the ADA Standards Committee on Dental Products and the U.S. Technical Advisory Group to the International Organization for Standardization Technical Committee 106 on Dentistry Meeting in Boston. The winner will also be announced in the ADA publication, ADA News. Submissions that are not selected will be held for consideration for the 2021 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/standford-award.

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