



2026 Early- Mid-Career Travel Awards
supported by the Baszucki Group
Application Deadline: *Thursday, March 19th, 2026*

Important: Please read the information below before completing the application form that follows.

With the generous support of the Baszucki Group, ISBD is pleased to offer travel support to the ISBD 2026 Vancouver Meeting for up to 13 early mid-career individuals who have **accepted** submissions in the following categories: Poster and New and Trending Oral Presentations. Three (3) of these Awards will be reserved for individuals doing work at the intersection of metabolism and bipolar disorder.

Consistent with ISBD's goal to expand global access to our Annual Meeting, we will reserve 5 of the Awards for individuals from low/middle income countries. ISBD is also committed to diversity, equity and inclusion. In addition to geographic diversity, we encourage applications from across the spectrum of gender identity, sexuality, and cultural identity.

About the Award

Awardees will receive waived registration, a stipend* to cover a portion of their travel expenses to attend the ISBD 2026 Meeting, a certificate, and a one-year ISBD membership. Awardees will also be recognized during the Awards Ceremony at the Vancouver Meeting.

*Stipend is meant to cover most aspects of attending the meeting, including airfare, accommodation, and local transport.

Criteria

To Apply for an Early Mid-Career (EMC) Travel Award applicants must:

1. Have a timely completed submission for the 2026 conference by the Poster/Oral submission deadline of March 19th, 2026. *Please note, only those whose submissions are ultimately ACCEPTED by the Conference Committee will be eligible for the award, but having formally submitted an abstract enables one to apply.*
2. Be within 8 years of receiving a terminal professional degree (e.g., M.D., Ph.D.) or within 5 years of completing an accredited post-doctoral training program (e.g., residency, internship, fellowship). Individuals currently engaged in accredited professional degree programs (e.g., M.D., Ph.D.) are also eligible to apply.
3. Winners of the 2024 EMC Poster Travel Awards or the 2025 EMC Travel Awards are ineligible to apply.
4. *For 2026 you may apply for either the Samuel Gershon Junior Investigator Awards or the EMC Travel Awards, but not both. Individuals who submit applications in both categories will not be considered for either.*

Application: Interested candidates should submit the following materials along with their conference submission by the Poster and New and Trending Oral Presentation deadline of **March 19th, 2026** on the [ISBD submission site](#). **Please note, only one application per person will be considered.**

1. A personal statement of 500 words or less briefly discussing your background, career goals, and involvement in bipolar disorders research, education or clinical work. Indicate how receipt of an ISBD Early- Mid-Career Travel Award will help you meet or advance your goals.

For those who would like to be considered for one of the Awards focusing on metabolic psychiatry, this statement must also describe a commitment to advancing the understanding of the role and potential therapeutic implications of metabolic function in bipolar disorder as demonstrated through current research, publications or presentations in this area. Work in the areas of mitochondrial function and bioenergetics, lifestyle interventions (e.g. dietary, exercise, and sleep based interventions) and metabolic processes will be considered relevant to a demonstrated interest in this area.

2. A CV
3. A letter of recommendation

Selection: The ISBD Leadership will make the final decision on any applications submitted for the Award based on the applicant's potential impact on the field and engagement in ISBD. These awards are not based solely on the scientific content of the abstract, although scientific focus will inform award decisions. Abstracts for the conference will be evaluated independently of the award process for inclusion in the conference program. Those applying for the Awards in Metabolic Psychiatry will also be evaluated according to their demonstrated commitment to this area of study as outlined above. Applicants not selected for the 3 Awards in Metabolic Psychiatry will automatically be considered for one of the other 10 Awards.

ISBD is not able to provide additional feedback on selection decisions.

Notification: All applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision by mid-May 2026.