

2025 YOUNG INVESTIGATORS Writing Competition

The American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDS) is pleased to offer the annual Young Investigators Writing Competition (YIWC), in partnership with *Dermatologic Surgery*, the official peer-reviewed journal of ASDS. This award program is offered to stimulate young investigators to submit original ideas, research and articles. Preferential consideration will be given to papers that address [Board-directed research topics](#). Up to three awards will be given each year at the discretion of the ASDS Journal Awards Work Group. Winner(s) will receive complimentary general registration to the 2025 ASDS Annual Meeting and up to \$1,000 reimbursement for travel and housing costs.

ELIGIBILITY

Primary authors who are ASDS residents, members completing dermatologic surgery fellowship or early-career members who completed residency within the past three years are eligible to apply. *Medical students and those who have not been placed in a residency program do not qualify.* Applicants must be a primary author for the manuscript they are submitting (a young investigator who has contributed significantly to the research and/or writing of the manuscript). **Proof of acceptance for publication in *Dermatologic Surgery* must accompany the program application.** Up to three award recipient(s) will be selected and are required to attend the 2025 ASDS Annual Meeting on Nov. 13-16 in Chicago, Illinois.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The types of eligible manuscripts include original studies, reviews, innovative pearls and case reports. The research topic must be clinically or socioeconomically oriented to dermatologic surgery. Manuscripts must follow the [Author Guidelines](#).

The manuscript must be original work produced by the author(s). It cannot be previously published or accepted for publication in another medical journal or publication.

The manuscript must first be accepted for publication in *Dermatologic Surgery* before a YIWC application can be submitted. Manuscripts will be reviewed by the journal editors and other expert reviewers before a final publication decision is made. This process can take some time, and **the recommended deadline to submit an article to the journal is Dec. 16, 2024.** Preferential consideration will be given to papers that address Board-directed research topics (see [asds.net/YIWC](#)). Once you receive a letter of acceptance from *Dermatologic Surgery*, you can enter your manuscript into the YIWC competition by May 16, 2025. Writing contest winners are not eligible for other ASDS Annual Meeting scholarships.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Recommended manuscript submission deadline: Dec. 16, 2024
Competition application due to ASDS: May 16, 2025

There are two important steps to the submission process:

1. Submit your manuscript to *Dermatologic Surgery* at [mc.manuscriptcentral.com/ds](#) (recommended deadline is Dec. 16, 2024, to allow time for the peer review process). Manuscripts must be accepted for journal publication before applying to the Young Investigators Writing Competition.

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2. Email the *Dermatologic Surgery* acceptance letter and completed program application form to Katie Allodi at kallodi@asds.net by May 16, 2025.

Applications will not be accepted for consideration after the deadline, and you will be encouraged to apply next year, if eligible.

AWARDS

- Winning manuscript published in *Dermatologic Surgery*
- Complimentary general registration for the 2025 ASDS Annual Meeting on Nov. 13-16 in Chicago, Illinois..
- Up to \$1,000 stipend reimbursement for travel and housing costs to attend the 2025 ASDS Annual Meeting.*
- Recognition during the Membership Meeting at the ASDS Annual Meeting (mandatory attendance) and other marketing materials.
- Photo with the ASDS President and an engraved award shipped after the meeting.

Questions? Contact Katie Allodi at kallodi@asds.net.

* The stipend will be mailed after the meeting once proof of meeting attendance and receipts have been submitted. Winner(s) will **not** receive a 1099 form.



**Explore ASDS
Board-directed research
topics at [asds.net/YIWC](#).**

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