TCR SERVICE AWARD

AATCC is pleased to recognize **Aimee LaValley** as the 2026 recipient of the AATCC Technical Committee on Research (TCR) Service Award.

LaValley is recognized for her continuous service and leadership of RA100 Global Sustainability Test Methods as co-Chair in the advancement of TM212-2021 Test Method for Fiber Fragment Release During Home Laundering. LaValley took responsibility for leading the precision and bias study required to update TM212-2021 over the past three years. LaValley demonstrated composure and leadership while bringing the test method to a point where it could be balloted and advanced.

Service, Accomplishments, & Career

LaValley joined AATCC in 2009 as a student member of AATCC and joined AATCC as an individual member in 2014. LaValley has been involved in AATCC research committees since joining the Association. Since 2022, LaValley has served as chair and co-chair of RA100 Global Sustainability Test Methods research committee. She is also the chair of an RA100 subcommittee, and is a member of the Technical Committee on Research. LaValley has attended several AATCC conferences and workshops, including the 2022 Color Management Workshop and the 2023 Navigating a Path Forward for PFAS in Textiles Conference.

LaValley is currently the Manager in Apparel Textile Development for Milliken/Polartec and has been with Milliken/Polartec since 2014. She began her career as a product development engineer and moved to manager of product development in chemical and dye applications in 2019 and moved to her current position in 2023. LaValley began her professional career as a head production dyer and lab manager for Riverpoint Lace Works in 2009, and in 2011, moved to Organic Dyestuffs Co. as a production development specialist, where she worked for three years. Following her time at Organic Dyestuffs Co., LaValley moved to Polartec. She received a BA in Costume Design/Garment Construction from the University at Albany, State University of New York, in Albany, NY, USA, in 2003. In 2009, LaValley received an MS in Textile Science from the University of Rhode Island in Kingston, RI, USA. While earning her MS in Textile Science, LaValley worked as a lab technician and graduate research assistant at the University.



The Award

The Technical Committee on Research Service Award was established in 2008 to recognize those members who have contributed greatly to the AATCC organization in a technical capacity. Individual members of the Association with at least five years of continuous membership in AATCC, who have contributed outstanding technical service to the Association through activity in a research committee, are eligible. Selection is by unanimous choice of the TCR Service Award Committee composed of the current chair, vice chair, and secretary of the Technical Committee on Research, as well as the chair of the Executive Committee on Research.

The award consists of a plaque and an honorarium. The award will be presented during the Awards Luncheon on October 6, 2026, at the AATCC International Summit, held at the Hotel Ballast Wilmington, in Wilmington, NC.

For a description of the TCR Award and a list of past award recipients, visit **www.aatcc.org/tcr**.