

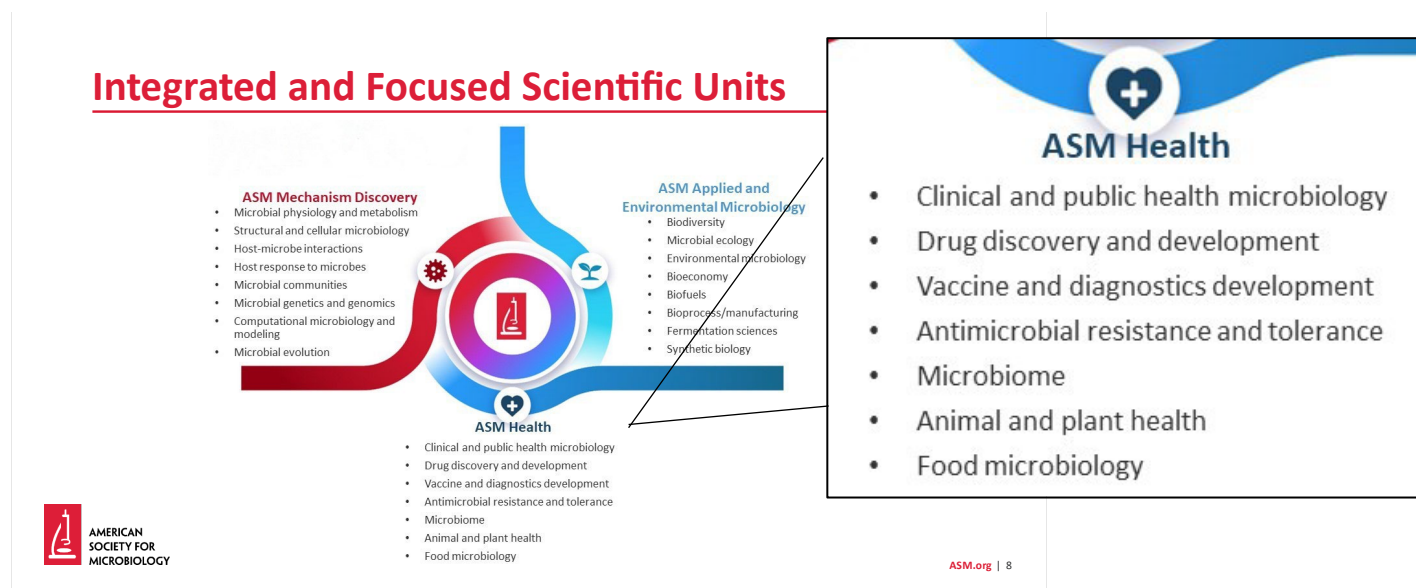
ASM Health Chair Position

ASM is currently seeking a visionary volunteer to serve as the inaugural Chair of ASM Health, a key component of the ASM Strategic Roadmap (<https://asm.org/About-ASM/Charting-ASM-s-New-Strategic-Course>). The Chair will play a leadership role in setting the scientific direction and priorities in the areas covered by the ASM Health Scientific Unit, in close partnership with the full-time staff Scientific Director.

Position Overview. The ASM Health Chair will oversee efforts to identify opportunities in emerging areas at the intersection of health and microbiology, providing strategic direction to help ASM shape the future of the microbial sciences. The guiding beacon of the ASM Health Chair will be the empowering of ASM members and all stakeholders to concretely and actively define and shape the future of the field in areas that the Unit chooses to prioritize. These may or may not be the specific areas of expertise of the Chair; hence, it is essential that the Chair be an accomplished individual with broad views and vision for the future of all the microbial sciences. Akin to a Journal Editor in Chief, the volunteer Chair will be provided a stipend in recognition of the time dedicated to this key leadership role.

Recognizing the global nature of microbiology, the Chair will bring to the position a network of internal and external stakeholders, working in close partnership with the ASM Health Director (a senior member of the ASM Staff) and the ASM Health Scientific Advisory Council (elected by the ASM membership*), and the other ASM scientific units.

*The initial Scientific Advisory Council will be appointed by the Board to serve in the interim. Elections will be held in 2026.



Key Roles and Responsibilities

Prioritization and Strategic Development

- Work closely with ASM Health Director and ASM's Advisory Council to identify and prioritize scientific objectives within the health-related microbial sciences, to develop approaches and strategic plans where ASM can propel the field forward within ASM's strategic framework.
- Leverage deep and expansive knowledge of microbial sciences to provide guidance and direction on scientific trends, ensuring alignment with organizational priorities to identify scientific gaps, remove roadblocks and propose concrete solutions.
- Provide direction on ways to enhance ASM's global health actions.

Collaboration

- Have the ability to chair a diverse scientific advisory council with broad scientific interests and bring people of differing viewpoints together to advance a shared vision.
- Forge strategic relationships and collaborations with key stakeholders, not only within the ASM membership but also with external multidisciplinary research communities, industry partners, government agencies, and global organizations.
- Extend reach beyond microbiology by identifying and capitalizing on opportunities for collaboration with non-traditional partners and audiences.

Stakeholder Engagement

- Effectively and concretely shaping the future of the field, beyond what can be done ASM alone, bringing others along and forging partnerships that drive impact and sustainability is key to success.
- Identify and engage a diverse scientific team, providing leadership that ensures alignment with organizational goals.
- Foster engagement within the community by empowering team members to contribute their expertise and perspectives towards collective objectives.

Qualifications

- An ASM Member in good standing.
- A passion for making an impact by defining what the future of the field should be.
- A team player, who first and foremost will tap all talent and expertise they can find to advance the field by interacting constructively with other volunteers and staff in close partnership.
- A visionary, well-respected scientific leader within microbial sciences communities with deep knowledge of health-related trends, opportunities and gaps in the field.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to distill complex information for diverse audiences.
- Strong network within the scientific community and ability to leverage the expertise of the network.

- Demonstrated leadership in developing strategic relationships and collaborations with industry, government, academic, and other stakeholders.
- Proven track record of identifying and prioritizing key scientific initiatives amidst competing demands, with a keen ability to sift through complex and varied scientific discourse and information and distill information to identify emerging trends, opportunities, and gaps in the field, with a goal of driving ASM's scientific direction.
- Is a team player who understands and will work well with deep and well-rounded partnerships with the Scientific Director and the staff.
- Understands and lives the ASM IDEAA principles (<https://asm.org/IDEAA>), and ASM values (<https://asm.org/about-asm>).

Desired Qualities

- Passion for ASM's mission and a commitment to advancing the role of science in addressing global challenges.
- Facility to see how various aspects of health and microbiology come together to advance the field as opposed to representing specific areas of scientific interest.
- Ability to create a motivational climate, valuing diversity of thought, and building consensus.
- Understanding of global trends and perspectives

Commitment

The ideal candidate will be a recognized expert in their field, demonstrating a strong commitment to lead this initiative. To acknowledge the significant time dedicated to this crucial leadership role, the volunteer Chair will receive a stipend. The ASM Health Chair position is a single 3-year term, with the possibility of one renewal. The term will begin on January 1, 2025.