



ASBMB Women in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Committee Volunteer Committee Role

Title: ASBMB Women in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Committee Volunteer

Description: The Women in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (WiBMB) Committee advocates for women in biochemistry and molecular biology, both in academia and in industry by increasing participation, visibility and status of women within the scientific community

Roles & Responsibilities:

- Collaborate with fellow WiBMB members to identify, develop, and implement initiatives that prioritize belonging and opportunity.
- Advocate for gender equity in biochemistry and molecular biology by promoting increased participation, visibility, and recognition of women scientists in academia and industry.
- Develop and implement initiatives to support career development and advancement opportunities for women in the field.
- Support the ASBMB by organizing events and programs aimed at fostering networking and mentorship opportunities for women and individuals who support women in biochemistry and molecular biology (e.g. Women's Networking Dinner, webinars, etc.)
- Provide resources and support to address challenges faced by women in the field, such as work-life balance, professional development, and overcoming barriers to leadership roles.
- Contribute to the creation and dissemination of educational materials, guidelines, and best practices that promote inclusive practices within the society.
- Participate in discussions and initiatives related to policy changes that enhance belonging and opportunity within the society's activities.
- Oversee the ASBMB Leadership Award.
- Other duties as needed.

Qualifications:

- Current ASBMB membership is required.
- Passion for promoting belonging and opportunity within the scientific community.
- Strong communication and collaboration skills to work effectively within a team and engage with various stakeholders.
- Understanding of the challenges faced by individuals who have not had equal opportunities to engage fully in the field of life sciences.
- Commitment to upholding ethical standards and contributing positively to the committee's objectives.
- Previous experience in advocacy, community engagement, or similar roles is a plus.

Time Commitment:

- Attend regular WiBMB committee meetings (1 hour via Zoom) as scheduled, typically 10 times per year.
- Attend 1.5 day Fall Retreat in Bethesda, MD.
- Allocate additional time for project-related discussions, research, and collaborative efforts, averaging 1-2 hours per month.
- Volunteer term duration: 3 years, with the possibility of a second term.

Benefits:

- Opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the society's commitment to belonging and opportunity.
- Network and collaborate with like-minded professionals and leaders in the life sciences community.
- Gain valuable experience in advocacy, resource development, and project management.
- Enhance leadership and communication skills through engagement with a diverse group of committee members and stakeholders.
- Recognition for your contributions through society publications, events, and other relevant platforms.

Recognition and Reward:

- Receive a certificate of service.
- Committee members receive a discount on registration for the ASBMB Annual Meeting.

Orientation: Virtual 45-60 min meeting for new members with the WiBMB chair and staff liaison to discuss expectations, roles and responsibilities and the different task forces.

Work Location: The volunteer role is primarily conducted in a virtual setting, allowing for remote participation and engagement from anywhere in the world. Committee meetings, discussions, and collaborative efforts are conducted online, ensuring accessibility and flexibility for volunteers regardless of their physical location. The committee will meet in person at the Fall Retreat in Bethesda, MD and at the ASBMB Annual Meeting.

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The staff liaison will serve as an advocate for the committee and will help facilitate the activities of the MAC. The liaison is available for all inquiries, concerns or questions. All communications with other ASBMB committees and staff should proceed through the MAC staff liaison.