Dear Colleague,

Fellows of the American Academy of Microbiology are an exceptional group of microbiologists who are committed to advancing the microbial sciences. In addition to impactful work, Academy Fellows serve on national committees, communicate the sciences to journalists, elected representatives, and members of the public. Fellows are also invited to share their work with ASM through participation in Academy colloquia as well as an accelerated track to publishing in mBio, ASM’s open access journal.

To be considered for election, candidates must be nominated by a current Fellow and supported by two additional Fellows. Supporting Fellows must provide a statement of support using the supporting form. Instructions as well as the forms needed to nominate or support a nomination can be found on the Academy website. To learn if someone is already an AAM Fellow or to find an appropriate nominator or supporter for a potential candidate, visit the Fellows Directory https://www.asm.org/index.php/aam-fellows.

Excellence is cultivated over time and is the primary criteria for election to fellowship. The scope of microbiology includes a large collection of fields and subfields and benchmarks of excellence may be specific to the particular area of pursuit. Nominating and supporting Fellows are encouraged to describe the significance of their nominee’s impact within their field in a manner that allows microbiologists working outside of that area to recognize the implications of the candidate’s portfolio. The Committee on Elections and the Board of Governors look for evidence of outstanding work and leadership that will have a lasting impact.

Many thanks for your help. You can direct any questions or concerns to academy@asmusa.org. Please remember, the deadline for nominations to the Academy is Thursday, November 1.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Board of Governors
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