## 2017 Branch National Funding Awards

### Summary

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| 2/15/17 | V | Alaska | $1,000 | • Alaska Branch 2017 Annual Meeting, to be co-hosted by the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Alaska Anchorage (date TBD), and to include a symposium with lecture, student presentations (oral and poster), a reception for mixing with ASM Distinguished Lecturer, and an art show featuring artists and writers working with microbiological themes  
  • Travel assistance for 5-10 artists to attend Branch meeting to display their microbiology-themed art  
  • Outreach to students, mentors and instructors participating in the NIH BUILD EXITO program (geared toward increasing representation of Alaska Native and Native American students in biomedical research) to encourage participation in the Branch meeting |
| 2/15/17 | III | Allegheny | $2,500 | • Workshops to be held at the Allegheny Branch 2017 Meeting:  
  o “After-Hours” Education Workshop geared toward science faculty (microbiology and other fields) to focus on inclusive pedagogies, thinking creatively about restructuring classes to include more open-ended inquiry, and establishing living-learning communities to advocate for increased diversity and inclusion  
  o Sample Preparation and Bioinformatics Analysis Workshop to promote awareness of high-throughput sequencing of microbial communities and bioinformatics analysis  
  o Professional Development Workshop for students run by the award-winning, Penn State Postdoctoral Society to include training on the application and preparation for graduate school and beyond  
  o “Early Bird” session to connect members across the Branch and begin brainstorming ideas for multi-institutional educational and research grant opportunities, which will be further developed in Spring Workshop (see below for more details on Spring Workshop)  
  • One-day Faculty Workshop in Spring 2017 to further develop ideas generated at the annual Branch meeting (held in the Fall), such as applying for multi-institutional educational and/or research grants, developing teaching and assessment tools, and providing continued mentorship to tenure-track faculty; the workshop will be open to participation from other nearby Branches (Region 1, 2, 3) as well |
<p>| 2/15/17 | II | Eastern Pennsylvania | $500 | • Lecture on the importance of antimicrobial stewardship to be held during the September 2017 Eastern Pennsylvania Branch meeting, a free event open to the public which will serve as a “kick-off” to the new academic year, and will serve to diversify Branch monthly meeting programming by inclusion of the clinically-oriented topic (as opposed to the research-focused topics more commonly found in the monthly meeting programs) |</p>
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| 2/15/17 | IV     | Florida   | $1,000       | • One-day Career Development Workshop for student and postdoctoral fellows to be held prior to the Florida Branch Annual Meeting (at no extra cost to meeting registrants), to feature speakers from academia, NGOs, government and industry to discuss topics such as resume and cover letter development, diversity in the workplace, job interview skills, social networking, and professional etiquette  
• Several break-out sessions where students can participate in mock interviews, develop social media (e.g. LinkedIn) strategies, and engage in online and in-person networking activities  
(The NASA Florida Space Grant Consortium has indicated they will provide matching funds to support development of the student workshop.) |
| 2/15/17 | VII    | Hawaii    | $1,500       | • The Hawaii Branch 2017 Spring Meeting, to be co-hosted with the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy and the Department of Biology, University of Hawaii at Hilo, with invitations to faculty, students and postdocs from other institutions, including Chaminade University, Hawaii Pacific University, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Hawaii Department of Health, and to include opportunities for students to give oral presentations or present posters  
• Catering subsidies for student meeting attendees  
• Awards for best student presentations  
• Travel support awards for 2-3 student presenters to enable them to travel to a national ASM meeting on the mainland to present their research |
| 2/15/17 | VII    | Intermountain | $1,000   | • The Intermountain Branch Annual Meeting, to be held April 15 at Weber State University, with involvement from institutions throughout Utah and Southern Idaho; meeting will feature  
o Plenary Session with ASM Distinguished Lecturer  
o At least three break-out sessions, each led by a keynote faculty speaker followed by student and postdoc presentations  
o Poster session and lunch  
o Four short talks and/or panel discussions aimed at students interested in entering various microbiology fields (industrial, environmental, food, medical/clinical)  
o Talk and/or panel discussion focused on current microbiology education pedagogy aimed at faculty  
o Award ceremony  
• Travel subsidies for high-impact speakers from industry and microbiology education (possibly from ASM CUE)  
• Travel subsidies to help bring in students and scientists from distant regions in Utah and Idaho  
• Outreach to individuals who do not typically attend the Branch Meetings, including microbiologists and trainees working in biotechnology-related and diagnostic-related labs and companies in Utah  
• Outreach to undergraduate and master’s students in microbiology-associated programs at all regional universities and community colleges  
• Awards for student posters and speaker presentations |
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| 3/21/17 | III    | Kentucky-Tennessee | $1,000       | • Continuation of a clinical component in the annual Kentucky-Tennessee Branch meeting, including availability of P.A.C.E. credits for participants  
• Holding a Spring “CE Saturday” meeting to further meet clinical continuing education needs and increase professional/student interaction |
| 2/15/17 | II     | Maryland          | $500         | • Four Maryland Branch dinner meetings to be held throughout the year at various locations on various topics, including “The Pathogenesis of Research Misconduct,” student research topics, topics in Microbiology history (in conjunction with ASM Archives)  
• Subsidizing student attendance at Branch dinner meetings and the annual undergraduate and graduate student poster presentation and oral presentation meeting, co-sponsored with the University of Maryland  
• J. Howard Brown awards for outstanding graduate and undergraduate student presentations  
• Provision of student memberships to National ASM and/or travel grants for students to attend the ASM MICROBE Meeting  
• Outreach to faculty and students at regional colleges and universities, including ones with large minority populations, to encourage Branch membership and increase Branch diversity, and to identify students and faculty to help build, and/or promote a student-run group across academic institutions |
| 2/15/17 | V      | North Central     | $1,000       | • The North Central Branch 2017 Meeting to be held at St. Norbert College in De Pere, WI, October 6-7; to be organized by representatives of several different institutions in the area (St. Norbert College, Edgewood College, Carroll College, UW-Green Bay; Medical College of Wisconsin) with support from local brewing and cheese-making industries as well; the meeting will feature  
  o Sessions with invited speakers, covering a diverse array of scientific interests (medical, environmental, food and industrials)  
  o Keynote address  
  o Oral and poster presentations by undergraduates, graduate students, and postdocs  
  o Networking opportunities  
  o Career panel including representatives from the Medical College of Wisconsin and representatives from local industrial partners with strong microbiological interests  
• Student presentation/poster awards  
• Travel assistance for Student Chapters; Chapters are eligible to request $100 in travel assistance from the Branch each year, but to further encourage attendance the Branch will offer an additional $200 for any club that can send three or more student members to participate in the meeting |
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| 2/15/17 | I      | Northeast          | $1,500       | • Two evening meetings co-sponsored by the Northeast Branch and other established groups such as the Northeast Section of the American Association for Clinical Chemistry (NEAACC), the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science, Northeast Chapter (ASCLC-CNE), and/or a college such as the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth  
• Two-day meeting co-sponsored by the Northeast Branch and the Northeast Association for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (NACMID) to be held April 2-4 in MA and to include lectures, workshops, posters, student presentations, awards for student presenters, and registration support for students |
| 2/15/17 | VII    | Northern California | $1,000       | • Science communication workshop for undergraduates, graduate students and postdocs to be held at the Northern California Branch Spring Meeting scheduled for March 3-4; workshop will be modelled on the successful and internationally popular “Three Minute Thesis” (3MT) Program founded by the University of Queensland, Australia, in which students will have 3 minutes to present a compelling oration on the significance of their microbiology project or topic of their choice, challenging them to consolidate their ideas and research discoveries so they can be presented concisely in the form of short stories, presented in spoken word (no poems, raps, songs, etc.) with no props or accompanying electronic media beyond one static Power Point slide (no transitions, animations or movement allowed on the slide) to a non-specialist audience  
• Travel support, meeting registration support and Branch membership for student attendees  
• Awards for best “Three Minute Thesis” presentations  
• Hiring of a videographer to tape and edit the communication workshop |
| 2/15/17 | V      | Northwest          | $1,000       | • Northwest Branch 2017 Annual Meeting, to be held in the Fall, at first-time venue Washington State University, to include speakers, faculty presentations, student and post-doctoral presentations, a clinical microbiology session, and a special session for educators  
• Awards  
• Paypal and website costs |
<p>| 2/15/17 | IV     | Puerto Rico        | $2,000       | • The 60th Annual Meeting of the Puerto Rico Branch (Puerto Rico Society of Microbiologists), a two-day meeting directed toward the professional development of a diverse group of participants, including Branch members (employed or retired), academic and clinical professionals (teachers, college faculty, and medical); meeting features include lectures, awards, technology presentations by exhibitors, Branch administrative meeting, networking event and Continuing Education Credits |
| 2/15/17 | VI     | Rocky Mountain     | $1,000       | • Support for the Rocky Mountain Branch “National Presence” program that will help to support one or more award-winning student presenters from the Branch meetings in attending the national ASM Microbe Meeting |</p>
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<td>• Two special emphasis symposia highlighting career options to be held at the 2017 South Central Branch Meeting to include networking sessions and a forum discussion with a clinical microbiologist, a health department epidemiologist, a microbiologist with the FDA at the National Center for Toxicological Research, a basic scientist/educator at an academic medical institution, a basic scientist/educator at an undergraduate institution, a physician/scientist, a microbiologist in biosafety/regulatory affairs, a researcher affiliated with an institutional startup incubator, and a scientific grants/publications editor</td>
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| 2/15/17   | IV     | Southeastern    | $2,500       | • Keynote lecture on drug resistant microbes; this talk will be held during the 103rd Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Branch (meeting theme: Antimicrobial Resistance); the talk will be open to the public in an effort to communicate the science behind disease to the general population as well as to highlight the role ASM plays in battling these deadly microbes  
• Coordination with the global Taste of Science Festival (an international festival based at USF that connects researchers to the general public in informal settings to discuss pressing scientific issues) to publicize the keynote lecture and the meeting in general  
• Session focused on Microbiomes (both bacterial and viral) of human and environmental niches, including discussion of the influence of bacterial microbiomes during infant development, and the diversity, distribution and ecological roles of viromes in oceanographic environments  
• Career workshop symposia with invited speakers from academia and industry who will provide information on their programs and available positions  
(Where possible, recognized speakers from underrepresented minority groups will be included and encouraged to participate in sessions and the career symposium.) |
| 2/15/17   | VII    | Southern California | $1,000  | • Meeting registration support for student poster presenters at the Southern California Branch 2017 Annual Meeting  
• Meeting registration and travel support for new technologists to attend the Branch meeting with a senior technologist mentor  
• Registration and travel support for two meeting speakers  
• Branch-sponsored mini-ASMCUE (ASM Conference for Undergraduate Educators) program  
• Career Forum for students  
• Awards for student presentations |
| 2/15/17   | VI     | Texas           | $700         | • Specialty meeting sessions on Microbiome, Bioinformatics, and Molecular Diagnostics/Genetic Testing, to be held during the Texas Branch Fall 2017 Meeting  
• Career session targeted to postdoctoral fellows, to be held at the Fall Branch meeting |
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<td>• Development and organization of a career session for the 2017 Virginia Branch meeting geared toward undergraduate and graduate students to include two external experts (for example, a professional grant writer and a program officer with experience in student programs) who will discuss options available for research funding, the basics of structuring a funding proposal, and the differences in the structure of research manuscripts; part of the session will be divided into two separate discussions – one to address issues specifically pertinent to undergraduates, and the other to address issues pertinent to graduate students</td>
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| 2/15/17 | II     | Washington DC| $800         | • Washington DC Branch 2017 meeting, to be held jointly with a local Student Chapter (such as George Mason University) in the Spring; meeting will feature  
  ○ Student presentations (oral/poster)  
  ○ Invited talk(s)  
  ○ Refreshments  
  ○ Awards for outstanding student presentations  
  ○ Membership drives for the Branch and Student Chapter  
|         |        |              |              | • Awards and judging support for local high school science fairs  
|         |        |              |              | • Fall Branch meeting with invited speaker, refreshments, and Branch membership drive  
|         |        |              |              | • Joint meeting with other ASM Branches or scientific societies; projected date would be Fall 2017, with a possible venue of ASM HQ |
| 2/15/17 | III    | Western New York | $1,500     | • High School Student Career Day to be co-hosted by the Western New York Branch and local Biotechnology company, ZeptoMetrix Corporation, in which students will be bussed to the ZeptoMetrix manufacturing facility to participate in a wet workshop using reagents and kits purchased for the event, and which will include a working lunch featuring guest speakers who will highlight the many career choices available in the scientific field  
|         |        |              |              | • Sponsorship of student research excellence awards presented at the University of Buffalo Microbial Pathogenesis meeting |

**TOTAL National Funding Awarded = $25,000**

**UNFUNDED 2017 BRANCH NATIONAL FUNDING REQUESTS:**

**Eastern New York Branch** (Region I) – Travel awards for students and postdocs from the Eastern New York Branch to attend the National ASM Microbe meeting