## 2017 Branch Regional Funding Awards

### Summary ($10,500 available per Region)

#### Region I – 2017 Branch Regional Funding Awards

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<td>I</td>
<td>Connecticut Valley</td>
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<td>• Region One (Connecticut Valley, Eastern New York, New York City, Northeast Branches) Regional Meeting, to be hosted by the Connecticut Valley Branch</td>
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| 2/28/17  | I      | Eastern New York    | $2,000       | • Eastern New York Branch Graduate Student and Post-Doctoral Mini-Symposium to be held in November 2017, geared toward students, postdoctoral fellows and faculty from the Eastern New York Branch, the University of Albany Biomedical Sciences, Wadsworth Center Post-Doctoral Association, Capital Region Post-Doctoral Association, Albany Medical College, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Wadsworth Center Master of Laboratory Sciences Program, Emerging Infectious Disease Fellows and West Point Military Academy, and to feature  
  - Catered poster session  
  - Student and postdoctoral oral presentations  
  - Awards for student and postdoctoral presenters  
  - ASM Distinguished Lecture  
  - ASM Communications Workshop  
  - Awards for the two best student posters related to the field of microbiology in the Greater Capital Region Science and Engineering Fair and Science Congress held at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute |
| 2/3/17   | I      | New York City       | $2,000       | • Membership and registration stipend to attend a 2017 New York City Branch meeting for up to 25 clinical microbiology fellows, infectious disease fellows, pathology residents and/or medical technologists/students who are unable to attend the Branch meetings due to financial constraint  
  • New York City Branch-sponsored Microbiology Laboratory Directors meeting for the purpose of facilitating interactions between board-certified laboratory directors (e.g. ABMM, ABP) at major medical centers and supervisory/managerial technologists responsible for the oversight of clinical microbiology laboratories at smaller hospitals/laboratories in the city to discuss scientific, clinical and administrative matters related to current microbiology topics (e.g. IQCP, CAP inspection, implementation of syndromic panels) with individuals unable to attend national or international meetings due to funding constraints, and to provide and discuss updates from national ASM |
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| 2/3/17 | I      | $2,000 | Subsidizing student registration for Northeast Branch programs (Branch plans to hold a minimum of three programs in 2017)
|        |        |        | Two annual half-day meetings of the New England Microbiology Laboratory Directors Group which normally attracts predominantly doctoral level microbiologists from the Northeast Branch region and Connecticut, but also microbiologists at all levels from clinical, public health, and industrial settings; meetings include platform presentations and informal discussions on topics posted in advance by attendees
|        |        |        | 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 |

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| 2/2/17 | II     | Eastern Pennsylvania | $2,100       | • The 26th Annual Philadelphia Infection and Immunity Forum, a one-day meeting sponsored by the Eastern Pennsylvania Branch and predominantly organized and managed by the Branch’s Student Chapter, designed to attract scientists from the tri-state area (Delaware, New Jersey, & Pennsylvania), who are interested in host-pathogen interactions; meeting features include:  
  o Talks by three student-selected plenary speakers interspersed with shorter talks from selected graduate students and postdoctoral fellows from local universities  
  o Poster session  
  o Vendor show  
  o Free advance registration for students and postdocs to encourage greater participation |
| 2/2/17 | II     | Maryland            | $2,100       | • 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)  
  • Branch website maintenance  
  • 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  
  • Annual Awards:  
    o Richard S. Schwalbe Award for outstanding bench clinical microbiologist  
    o Barnett L. Cohen Award for outstanding achievement as a professional microbiologist  
    o 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 students at regional colleges and universities to encourage Branch membership and increase Branch diversity |
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<td>Theobald Smith Society, New Jersey</td>
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<td>• Annual Theobald Smith Society, New Jersey Branch Meeting in Miniature, which features The Waksman Lectureship, undergraduate and graduate student oral and poster presentations, awards for student presentations, and the awarding of a graduate student scholarship&lt;br&gt;• Multi-speaker Meeting, featuring speakers on different topics, including “flash presentations” from students&lt;br&gt;• Awards for exceptional student projects in microbiology at two or three local science fairs&lt;br&gt;• Web Page support, including domain name fee</td>
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<td>2/2/17</td>
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<td>Virginia</td>
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<td>• Student travel grants for the 2017 Virginia Branch meeting to be held in Norfolk, VA, available on a first-come, first-served basis for any undergraduate or graduate student who presents a talk or poster, to encourage participation by students, including those at smaller institutions that may not receive substantial research grant funds, and those at institutions located far from the meeting venue&lt;br&gt;• Rental of vans to help facilitate travel from more distant areas and minimize travel costs for Branch members from up to two locations (e.g., Southwest Virginia and Northern Virginia)</td>
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<td>Washington DC</td>
<td>$2,100</td>
<td>• 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&lt;br&gt;  ○ Student presentations (oral/poster)&lt;br&gt;  ○ Invited talk(s)&lt;br&gt;  ○ Refreshments&lt;br&gt;  ○ Awards for outstanding student presentations&lt;br&gt;  ○ Membership drives for the Branch and Student Chapter&lt;br&gt;• Awards and judging support for local high school science fairs&lt;br&gt;• Fall Branch meeting with invited speaker, refreshments, and Branch membership drive&lt;br&gt;• Joint meeting with other ASM Branches or scientific societies; projected date would be Fall 2017, with a possible venue of ASM HQ</td>
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### Summary ($10,500 available per Region)

#### Region III – 2017 Branch Regional Funding Awards

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| 2/2/17| III    | Allegheny| $2,000       | • The Allegheny Branch 2017 Meeting, to be held November 3-4 at Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA, to include  
 o Two or three speakers to cover topics in Environmental Microbiology, Medical Microbiology, and Microbiology Education  
 o Undergraduate and graduate oral and poster presentations  
 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 Membership drive to encourage Branch and ASM National membership, particularly among groups that don’t traditionally participate in the Branch, with t-shirts and water bottles provided as incentives for joining  
 o Outreach to colleges, universities and agencies near the meeting site (there are approximately 60 colleges within a less than 3-hour drive of Juniata, several of which have not participated in the Branch recently)  
 o Information Booths staffed by local and regional medical centers  
 o Student-focused programming including  
   ➢ Event hosted by Juniata’s ASM Chapter and Tri-Beta to allow students from various institutions to interact  
   ➢ “Fungal-building Project,” where students will be able to use fungi to create a variety of materials  
   ➢ Graduate Student Panel Session, during which undergraduates can ask questions on research, graduate school, job applications, etc. (all graduate students at meeting will be invited to participate as panelists)  
 o Travel grants for student presenters  
 o National ASM memberships for student presenters |
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| 2/2/17     | III     | Indiana     | $1,250 | • Annual Indiana Branch Meeting to be held March 31-April 1 at Turkey Run State Park  
  • Career Panel to be held at Branch meeting, featuring microbiologists speaking about their careers in industry or other non-academic jobs  
  • Awards for student presentations  
  • Travel grants for students  
  • Outreach to institutions near meeting venue (e.g., Eastern Illinois) to encourage participation |
| 3/21/17    | III     | Kentucky-Tennessee | $1,750 | • 2017 Kentucky-Tennessee Branch Meeting, featuring ASM Distinguished Lecturer as well as opportunities for students and professionals to present their work in either a poster or talk format  
  • Awards for student oral and poster presentations  
  • Travel support for a student to attend the ASM Microbe Meeting  
  • Support of Western Kentucky University Student Chapter activities such as field trips and printing of club T-shirts  
  • Continuation of a clinical component in the annual 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 |
| 2/21/17    | III     | Michigan    | $1,750 | • Michigan Branch 2017 Spring Meeting to be held at Michigan State University on March 31-April 1, with the theme, “Nano-Parts for Micro-Life”  
  • Free meeting registration for students/postdocs who present a poster or talk at the meeting  
  • Free meeting registration for undergraduates enrolled at the institution hosting the meeting |
| 2/2/17     | III     | Ohio        | $1,750 | • The Ohio Branch 2017 Meeting, to be held March 31-April 1 at first-time venue Otterbein University in Westerville (Columbus area), with opportunities for students to present their research  
  • Travel support for students to attend Branch meeting (costs for up to 60 individuals in shared hotel rooms), to encourage greater participation particularly from students attending small liberal arts colleges that lack the funding to support travel to scientific meetings  
  • Branch member recruitment, including the offering of free Branch memberships to up to 15 first-time, non-student/postdoctoral members from academia, industry and/or government |
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| 2/2/17 | III    | Western New York  | $1,900 | • Meeting expenses for the 2017 Western New York Branch Fall and Spring meetings, i.e., dinner meetings that focus on issues of importance to clinical microbiologists and students of clinical microbiology, industrial microbiologists, medical technologists, infection control officers, nurses, infectious disease doctors, pharmacists and educators, and include topics of current interest, such as emerging infectious diseases, new technologies and antibiotic resistance, with speakers in clinical microbiology, public health, academia and/or industry.  
• Increased meeting publicity efforts to local hospitals, colleges, microbiology-related commercial companies, and other local individuals interested in microbiology, infectious diseases, medical technology, public health, and anti-microbial drugs and infection control, to encourage participation and highlight the importance of ASM membership at Branch and National level.  
• No-fee dinners with membership for students attending Branch meeting.  
• Discount membership for new members to encourage attendance and participation by companies and underrepresented facilities. |

**Total Disbursed in Region III: $10,400**
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### Region IV – 2017 Branch Regional Funding Awards

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| 2/1/17 | IV     | Florida         | $1,000       | • Maintenance and expansion of the Florida Branch website, including the enhancement of the “About Us” page to regularly feature research activities of individual Branch members  
• Increase in award program for student poster and oral presenters to include free registration for the next Branch meeting (along with the small cash amount that is currently awarded) to encourage increased attendance and participation in the Branch by outstanding student presenters from year to year |
| 2/1/17 | IV     | North Carolina  | $1,500       | • North Carolina Branch Meeting, scheduled for October 7th at NCSU, Raleigh, a location in central North Carolina (for the past several years, the Branch has been rotating the meeting location across the state, resulting in increased participation from individuals and institutions from all areas of North Carolina, and this rotation will be continued in a predictable way from central to east, and central to west, in a 4 year cycle to encourage continued growth in participation in the Branch)  
• Student presentation awards, including the addition of an award specifically for undergraduate poster presenters |
| 2/1/17 | IV     | Puerto Rico     | $2,250       | • 6th Puerto Rico Branch (Puerto Rico Society of Microbiologists) Student Symposium, “Passing the Torch of Research and Ethics to the Next Generation,” a one-day symposium organized by the Branch and a local Student Chapter that allows students from universities across the island to present their research, featuring  
  o Oral (graduate students) and poster (undergraduate and graduate students) presentations  
  o Recognition of exemplary leadership by the organizing Student Chapter  
  o Presentation of information about Branch and National membership benefits, with attendees encouraged to join both the Branch and National  
  o Session featuring a speaker or a panel addressing ethical issues in research and/or workplaces  
  o Awards for student presentations (oral and poster)  
  o Networking opportunities |
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| 2/1/17| IV      | South Carolina | $1,250  | • South Carolina Branch Spring 2017 Meeting, to be held at first-time venue Francis Marion University in Florence (the Branch is actively recruiting and promoting the participation of different schools, industries and government offices by bringing Branch meetings to different places around the state)  
• Career Pathway Panel session for undergraduate and graduate students, featuring representatives from academia, industry, patent law, and science journalism  
• Meeting registration costs for undergraduate students  
• Outreach to HBCUs (Historically-Black Colleges and Universities) in the area, including the provision of travel assistance for faculty when requested  
• Awards for student oral and poster presentations |
| 2/1/17| IV      | South Central | $2,000  | • The 2017 South Central Branch meeting, to be hosted by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and held in downtown Little Rock (Branch meetings are regularly rotated among Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi), and featuring  
  o Invited speaker sessions in pathogenic microbiology, virology, immunology, and general/environmental microbiology  
  o Keynote speaker presentation  
  o Faculty, student and post-doc presentations  
  o Career symposia for students and post-docs  
  o Awards, including the Randall award to an outstanding young faculty member, McCleskey and Strawinski awards for best student oral presentations at the PhD and MS level, respectively, and awards for best graduate and undergraduate student poster presentations  
  o Reception and dinner  
• Website maintenance  
• Publicity efforts to promote the Branch meeting, including sending early “save the date” notices |
• 103rd Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Branch, to be held at the University of South Florida (USF) in Tampa in November, a two and a half-day meeting with the theme of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), to coincide with the World Health Organization’s “World Antibiotic Awareness Week” and to feature
  o Keynote lecture on drug resistant microbes; this 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
  o 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
  o 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
  o Meeting sessions on a broad array of topics including clinical microbiology, microbial symbiosis, infectious disease and epidemiology, and microbial control
  o Oral and poster presentations by graduate students, undergraduates and post-docs
  o Career mentoring
  o Networking Mixers
  o Career workshop symposia with invited speakers
  o Microbe Smackdown (trivia game)
  o Banquet to recognize the achievements of all students, and present awards for best talks/posters
  o Travel awards for all presenting students who traveled over 100 miles to attend the meeting
  o Travel awards and/or registration fee waivers for first-time presenters coming from institutions that rarely participate in the Branch

Total Disbursed in Region IV: $10,500
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| 2/9/17 | V | Alaska | $2,166.67 | • 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  
• Student travel assistance for meeting attendees from locations outside Anchorage  
• Registration and annual membership fees for students who present at the Branch meeting  
• Travel assistance for 5-10 artists to attend Branch meeting to display their microbiology-themed art  
• Awards for student presentations  
• 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  
• Awards for K-12 regional and statewide science fair competitions (Branch members serve as judges); winners of fairs will be invited to present at the Branch meeting |
| 2/9/17 | V | Illinois | $2,000 | • Illinois Branch (Illinois Society for Microbiology) Spring and Fall meetings  
• Two new scholarships to encourage student membership and participation in the Branch:  
  o Enterprising Microbiologists Scholarship (BS or MS level)  
  o Emerging Microbiologists Scholarship (Associate level) |
| 2/9/17 | V | Missouri | $2,000 | • Joint Meeting of Missouri and Missouri Valley Branches to be held March 17-18 in Springfield, MO, to include two keynote addresses (one on Friday; one on Saturday), graduate and undergraduate poster and oral presentations, research symposium with invited speakers, dinner reception  
• Awards for student presentations |
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| 2/9/17| V       | North Central     | $2,166.67    | • 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 |
| 2/13/17| V       | Northwest         | $2,166.66    | • 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 |

Total Disbursed for Region V: $10,500
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**Summary ($10,500 available per Region)**

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| 2/9/17   | VI     | Missouri Valley | $2,600       | • Joint Meeting of Missouri Valley and Missouri Branches to be held March 17-18 in Springfield, MO, to include plenary sessions, graduate and undergraduate poster and oral presentations, research symposium with invited speakers, dinner reception  
• Awards for student presentations                               |
| 2/9/17   | VI     | Rio Grande      | $2,250       | • The Rio Grande Branch Annual Meeting to include oral presentations and posters, with an emphasis on student and postdoctoral involvement  
• Free registration (including banquet cost) to students and post-docs presenting at the meeting  
• Subsidized registrations (and banquet costs) for “non-presenting” students and post-docs  
• Travel awards for student presenters from institutions distant from meeting site (3 hours of travel or more)  
• Merit-based awards for undergraduate, graduate and postdoc presentations  
• Publicity for Branch meeting (e.g., printing flyers), particularly geared to non-Branch members in the area |
| 2/13/17  | VI     | Rocky Mountain  | $2,550       | • Rocky Mountain Branch 2017 Fall and Spring meetings, to include opportunities for Branch and National ASM members, principal investigators, post docs, undergraduates and graduate students to present their work through talks and/or posters; the Spring meeting will be at first-time venue, Allosource, a Denver biotechnology company, exposing students to a different aspect of the science – the commercial aspect (as opposed to purely academic)  
• Travel grants for students and postdocs who present their work at the Branch meetings; awards are dependent on student carpooling and amounts are prorated for distance traveled  
• Awards for best student and postdoc presentations |
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- Texas Branch Spring and Fall 2017 Meetings, featuring student and postdoc presentations
- Significantly-reduced registration fees and complimentary Branch membership for graduate students, undergraduates and postdocs presenting their research at Branch meetings
- Discounted meeting registration and complimentary Branch membership for students not presenting research
- Outreach efforts to attract attendees from major universities, smaller universities, colleges without research emphasis, underrepresented minorities
- Awards

**Total Disbursed for Region VI:** $9,900
### Region VII – 2017 Branch Regional Funding Awards

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| 2/8/17 | VII    | Arizona/Southern Nevada | $2,000       | - The 56th Annual Meeting of the Arizona/Southern Nevada ASM Branch, to be held April 1 at The University of Arizona in Tucson, with a focus on inter-microbial and microbial-host cell interactions  
- Discounted registration for student meeting attendees  
- Branch recruitment and outreach activities |
| 2/8/17 | VII    | Hawaii                  | $2,000       | - 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 various 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 |
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<td>Intermountain</td>
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<td>• 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</td>
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<td>Northern California</td>
<td>$2,000</td>
<td>• 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</td>
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| 2/8/17| VII    | Southern California | $2,000 | - 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 |

**Total Disbursed for Region VII:** $10,000