## 2018 Branch National Funding Awards
### Summary ($25,000 budgeted)

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| 3/13/18 | V      | Alaska | $1,000       | - Events to be held at the Alaska Branch 2018 Annual Meeting:  
  - Special career session for students and postdocs  
  - Pop-up Scientific Art Show to be held in connection with the Fairbanks First Friday Art Walk  
  - Special sessions featuring instructors from two NIH-sponsored programs: Alaska IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) and Biomedical Learning and Student Training (BLaST), to discuss their activities and plans for incorporating microbiology into training and research activities targeting Alaska Native and other underrepresented groups of undergraduate students across Alaska  
  - Public outreach efforts to include opening (and announcing) all Branch meeting sessions to high school students and teachers and the general public  
  - Travel assistance for student meeting attendees from locations outside Fairbanks |
| 3/13/18 | III    | Allegheny | $1,500     | - Sessions for the Allegheny Branch 2018 Annual Meeting:  
  - “Developing a Mentor Map and Effectively Managing your Time” professional development workshop, which will teach attendees how to build a “mentor map” for effective mentoring (rather than just relying on a single mentor), and how to develop an accountable strategy for each semester to manage their time effectively  
  - “Alternative Careers in Microbiology” workshop which will discuss non-academic careers such as working in state health labs, federal positions, technician positions, working with start-up companies, etc.  
  - Faculty workshop addressing how to overcome challenges that underrepresented minority students face in the classroom  
  - Launch of a Branch Pedagogy Initiatives Award, a $1500 award to be given over a two-year period to a school that demonstrates a need and an innovative idea for a new microbiological-centered pedagogy initiative in classroom/teaching laboratories that can be realistically implemented; the goal is that this seed funding will enable faculty to generate and implement successful pedagogy in their teaching labs/classrooms and that after two years, they would be able to apply for external funding to support this new approach  
  - One-day faculty workshop, at a central location to all Region Three member institutes to develop, write and apply for multi-institutional educational and/or research grants, develop teaching and assessment tools, and provide continued mentorship to tenure-track faculty; Region Two Branches will also be invited to participate |
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| 3/13/18 | VII    | Arizona/Southern Nevada       | $750         | • The 58th Annual Meeting of the Arizona/Southern Nevada ASM Branch, to be co-sponsored with the Arizona/Nevada Academy of Sciences  
• Career development forum to be held during the Branch meeting, to feature a presentation on encouraging diversity and two lectures from scientists with careers outside academia |
| 4/19/18 | I      | Eastern New York              | $750         | • Region One (Connecticut Valley, Eastern New York, New York City, Northeast Branches) Regional Meeting, to be hosted by the Eastern New York Branch, featuring  
  o Multiple break-out sessions, each led by a keynote faculty speaker and followed by presentations by faculty, postdocs, and students  
  o Plenary Session  
  o Panel discussions for students considering careers in microbiology (industry, medical, environmental, etc.)  
  o Poster session  
  o Panel discussion on microbiology education |
| 3/13/18 | VII    | Hawaii                        | $1,000       | • Hawaii Branch 2018 Spring Meeting, to be co-hosted with the Department of Information and Computer Sciences (ICS), University of Hawaii at Manoa, featuring  
  o Guest speaker from ICS who has experience in the analysis of biological data  
  o Graduate and undergraduate student oral and poster presentations  
• Awards for best student presentations  
• Travel support for faculty and students from academic institutions on other islands in Hawaii besides Oahu (meeting site) to encourage participation in Branch that would otherwise be impeded by high travel costs  
• Travel support awards for 2-3 student presenters to enable them to travel to a national meeting on the mainland to present their research |
| 3/13/18 | V      | Illinois                      | $500         | • Illinois Branch (Illinois Society for Microbiology) 2018 Spring and Fall meetings  
• Outreach efforts to expand Branch membership, including  
  o Branch booth at the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science–Illinois (ASCLS-IL) Spring meeting to promote the Branch  
  o Travel to local college career days to encourage student membership in the Branch  
• Website upgrade, including the addition of a secure, member-only portal for access to planned online Continuing Education  
• Scholarships for graduate and undergraduate students pursuing studies in Microbiology |
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| 3/13/18    | VII       | Intermountain        | $1,000       | • Tri-Branch Meeting (Intermountain, Rio Grande, Rocky Mountain Branches), to be held at Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO  
• Travel grants for students attending the Tri-Branch Meeting  
• Awards for postdoctoral, graduate and undergraduate oral and poster presentations at Tri-Branch Meeting |
| 4/23/18    | III       | Kentucky-Tennessee   | $1,000       | • Kentucky-Tennessee Branch “CE Saturday” meeting, featuring clinical continuing education credits  
• Travel support for nationally-recognized speakers participating in CE Saturday and Branch Annual Meeting clinical session  
• Travel support for a student to attend the ASM Microbe Meeting; student will be required to propose either a talk or poster presentation and must report back to the Branch about how the experience assisted with his/her career path |
| 3/13/18    | II        | Maryland             | $750         | • Four Maryland Branch dinner meetings to be held throughout the year at various locations with speakers on various topics; at least one of the meetings will include student posters and oral presentations, and one will be held at the ASM Archives at UMBC and feature an exhibit on Microbiology history  
• Subsidizing student attendance at Branch dinner meetings and the annual undergraduate and graduate student poster and oral presentation meeting, co-sponsored with the University of Maryland  
• Development and support of a new Student Chapter serving 10 regional colleges and universities (Johns Hopkins University, The University of Maryland Baltimore, Morgan State University, Towson University, Coppin State University, Loyola University Maryland, Goucher College, Stevenson University, University of Baltimore, and Notre Dame University Maryland) as well as community colleges in the area  
• 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 |
| 3/13/18    | V         | North Central        | $750         | • Sessions for the North Central Branch 2018 Annual Meeting:  
  o Sessions with speakers in clinical and industrial microbiology, two broad topic areas that are typically underrepresented at the Branch meetings  
  o Career panel for students and post-doctoral trainees featuring panelists from academia, government, and industry  
• Outreach to undergraduate institutions that have not participated in the Branch meeting over the last 5 years; Branch will encourage their involvement by offering travel grants |
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| 3/13/18 | I      | Northeast       | $1,000       | • Support for two evening meetings co-sponsored by the Northeast Branch and two established scientific groups; e.g., the Northeast Section of the American Association for Clinical Chemistry (NEAACC), and the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science, Northeast Chapter (ASCLC-CNE), or a college such as the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth  
  • Subsidized registration for students to attend the Northeast Branch and the Northeast Association for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (NACMID) co-sponsored joint meeting; high school students will be invited as well; the meeting will include lectures, workshops, posters, student presentations and awards |
| 3/13/18 | VII    | Northern California | $750        | • Career workshop for students to be held at the Northern California Branch Spring Meeting, featuring talks from a diverse array of professional scientists (including women and underrepresented racial/ethnic minorities) about their career paths, followed by Q&A discussion; speakers will include individuals at different levels of their careers in academia, science administration, industry, science communication, law, marketing, and other pertinent areas; speakers will be provided with guidance in advance on how to develop and tell clear, concise and compelling tales that deliver an unfolding story, devoid of jargon and containing human emotions; the workshop will be filmed and clips will be included on the Branch website  
  • Travel and meeting registration support for 3-4 students per college/university to attend the Spring and Fall Branch meetings |
| 3/13/18 | IV     | Puerto Rico     | $2,000       | • The 61st Annual Meeting of the Puerto Rico Branch (Puerto Rico Society of Microbiologists), “Hurricane Season: A Microbe’s Paradise,” a two-day meeting directed toward the professional development of a diverse group of participants, including Branch members (employed or retired), students, academic and clinical professionals (teachers, college faculty, and medical technologists), government staff working within areas related to Microbiology (e.g., water & sewage treatment plants, milk industry, Public Health Department), and pharmaceutical & biotechnology industries’ representatives; meeting features include lectures, awards, exhibitors, Branch administrative meeting, undergraduate and graduate student poster session (with awards for best presentations), and a networking event |
| 3/13/18 | VI     | Rio Grande      | $750         | • Tri-Branch Meeting (Intermountain, Rio Grande, Rocky Mountain Branches), to be held at Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO  
  • Free meeting registration for students and post-docs presenting research at the Tri-Branch Meeting  
  • Reduced meeting registration for student attendees (non-presenters)  
  • Travel grants for student attendees |
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| 3/13/18 | VI     | Rocky Mountain   | $1,000       | • Tri-Branch Meeting (Intermountain, Rio Grande, Rocky Mountain Branches), to be held at Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO  
• Travel grants for students and post-docs presenting research at Tri-Branch Meeting; awards based on carpooling and distance traveled  
• Awards for postdoctoral, graduate and undergraduate oral and poster presentations at Tri-Branch Meeting  
• 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 |
| 3/13/18 | IV     | South Central    | $750         | • Two special career symposia for students and postdoctoral fellows, to be held during the South Central Branch Annual Meeting, to include a forum discussion and a networking session; scheduled speakers include a basic science research bacteriologist, a virologist, a state public health director who trained as a microbiologist, an environmental microbiology team leader in government, a faculty member who started his own private research company, and an undergraduate microbiology educator |
| 3/13/18 | IV     | Southeastern     | $750         | • Special Session on “Climate Change and the Ecology of Infectious Diseases,” to be held at the Southeastern Branch Annual Meeting, to focus on interdisciplinary research in genomics, host-microbe interactions, mathematical modeling, epidemiology, environmental and clinical microbiology |
| 3/13/18 | IV     | Southeastern     | $4,750       | • Fifteenth Southeastern Regional Virology Conference (SERVC), to take place March 16-18, 2018, at the Emory University Conference Center in Atlanta, Georgia (with support from the Florida, North Carolina, and Southeastern Branches) |
| 3/13/18 | VII    | Southern California | $750      | • Southern California Branch Mentee/Mentor Program, in which the Branch provides meeting registration and travel support for new technologists to attend the Branch meeting where they will be interacting with a senior technologist mentor during the course of the meeting  
• Branch-sponsored mini-ASMCUE (ASM Conference for Undergraduate Educators) program  
• Wet workshop focusing on technique and issue resolution for the bench level CLS; this workshop would be held in lieu of one of the Branch’s Spring Symposia (normally, there are two symposia per year) |
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<td>• Texas Branch Spring 2018 Meeting, geared toward supporting undergraduate and graduate student researchers&lt;br&gt;• Texas Branch Fall 2018 Meeting, geared toward a mix of faculty and student research&lt;br&gt;• Subsidizing meeting costs for student attendees/presenters at the Fall and Spring Branch meetings&lt;br&gt;• Travel grants for individuals in underrepresented groups and individuals in areas of Texas who generally have not attended Branch meetings, to encourage participation in the Branch</td>
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<td>• Hosting a microbiology-related, faculty-training CURE (Course-based Undergraduate Research Experiences) workshop in conjunction with the Virginia Branch Annual Meeting or as a separate, stand-alone workshop; the workshop will be conducted by an instructor with grant-funded CURE expertise who will lead participants through their experiment; the workshop will begin with an early Friday morning session before the Branch meeting, and end with a session after the meeting to provide sufficient time between sessions to incubate microbial samples (if necessary), and enough time out of the lab to learn how the experiment works from the instructor’s point of view</td>
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<td>Washington, DC</td>
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<td>• Washington DC Branch 2018 Spring Meeting, to be held jointly with a local Student Chapter (such as George Mason University or Northern Virginia Community College); 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;• Joint meeting with other ASM Branches or scientific societies; projected date would be Fall 2018</td>
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<td>• 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&lt;br&gt;• Summer Speaker Symposium, to explore topics that educate and broaden Branch membership&lt;br&gt;• Sponsorship of speaker travel and student research excellence awards for the University of Buffalo Microbial Pathogenesis meeting</td>
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**TOTAL National Funding Awarded = $25,000**
UNFUNDED 2018 BRANCH NATIONAL FUNDING REQUESTS:

**Florida** (Region IV) –
- “Teaching Best Practices” Panel Discussion at Florida Branch Meeting, featuring up to 4 panelists with varying backgrounds including a current teaching assistant, professors from universities and colleges, and an instructor(s); resources and best practices will be shared with the audience and a Q&A session will be held
- Welcome reception at the Branch meeting to provide the opportunity for networking

**Northwest** (Region V) –
- Northwest Branch 2018 Annual Meeting, to be held at Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland, OR, a location accessible to the microbiology community west of the Cascades (in 2017, the meeting was held in Pullman, WA, a location more accessible to the community east of the Cascades)
- Awards
- Website maintenance fees