ASM/CDC Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
Criteria for Quality Project Proposals

1. The overall goal of the research project fits within the mission of CDC and the Division.

2. The project should be uniquely different from ongoing research in the mentor’s lab but is focused on a public health issue that is a priority for the program.

3. The project should have testable hypotheses (e.g. not purely bioinformatics, diagnostics).

4. The proposal provides enough details to aid the CDC Application Screening Committee and ASM Steering Committee in their evaluation of the applicant and the project.

5. The proposal lists primary mentor/preceptor (and secondary mentors/co-preceptors, if applicable) who will be expected to provide guidance for the research project and oversee the professional development of the fellow.

6. Proposed mentors/preceptors and co-mentors/preceptors must be FTEs at CDC and hold a doctoral degree (PhD, MD, DVM, etc.). The Preceptor is the principal scientist/investigator with subject matter expertise in the ASM Fellow’s area of research. The Preceptor has primary responsibility for supervising and mentoring the ASM Fellow. The Preceptor may have a Co-Preceptor to provide additional and/or complementary mentorship of the Fellow, and to assure the Fellow’s progress on the pre-determined project. The Co-Preceptor can be:
   - An experienced preceptor to serve as a mentor for a new ASM preceptor with less experience in supervising post-docs.
   - A junior preceptor who would like to gain some experience working with a more experienced ASM preceptor and his/her ASM fellow.
   - An experienced preceptor who is in the same laboratory, branch or team as the listed preceptor and is assuming joint mentorship of their fellow.

7. The project can reasonably be accomplished by a postdoctoral fellow in 2 years and has a high likelihood of generating publishable scientific data within two years.

8. The project and environment provide an opportunity for the fellow to learn about public health and to understand the “big picture” of the CIO’s mission.

9. The project addresses IRB/Animal Use Committee approval issues (if it is required).

10. The project provides a professional development opportunity for the fellow to increase his/her knowledge and skills as new areas of research are explored.