Dear Colleague,

Fellows of the American Academy of Microbiology are a highly select group who represent a unique and important resource. ASM depends on Academy Fellows to serve as ambassadors for the field of microbiology. Whether they are serving on national committees, participating in colloquia, or answering the questions of journalists, elected representatives and members of the public, Fellows are trusted because they have been designated by their peers as the best that microbiology has to offer.

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. To see if someone is already an AAM Fellow or to find an appropriate nominator or supporter for a potential candidate, visit http://academy.asm.org/index.php/fellows/fellows-directory. You will find forms and instructions on how to nominate someone on this webpage.

Excellence demonstrated over time is the most essential element for election to Fellowship. However, microbiology encompasses a great variety of fields, subfields and career paths, and the criteria defining excellence may differ significantly among areas of endeavor. It is extremely helpful if nominators and supporting Fellows describe the impact of a nominee’s accomplishments upon their specific field in such a way that microbiologists from outside that field can understand the significance of the work. The Committee on Elections and the Board of Governors look for evidence of outstanding work that will have a lasting impact.

Many thanks for your help. And remember, the deadline for nominations to the Academy is November 1.

Sincerely,

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