**Application**

**ASM Peggy Cotter Travel Award for Early Career DC Branch Members**

Please submit this completed form as a PDF along with your CV or resume, a scan of your terminal degree transcript or diploma, and proof of Branch membership to [asm.dcbranch@gmail.com](mailto:asm.dcbranch@gmail.com) by Midnight, February 16, 2024. No late applications will be accepted. Awardees to be announced at the ASM DC Branch Spring Meeting 2024**.**

**Applicant Information:**

**Last Name**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**First Name**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Professional Title:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Institution**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Address**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Email Address**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**ASM Member Number**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Required by ASM)

**II. Professional Activity**

1. The award is limited to 10 years post terminal degree. Please include a copy of your transcripts or diploma showing when you completed your terminal degree. We will accept an unofficial scan of your transcript or diploma.   
   **Time since terminal degree (years): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
2. Only members of the DC Branch are eligible. Please include a copy of your DC Branch membership registration receipt.   
   1. How long have you been a DC Branch member? **Number of Years: \_\_\_\_\_\_**
   2. In which of the following years did you attend (or plan to attend) a DC Branch Meeting? If you attended multiple meetings indicate the number of meeting per year below.   
      **\_\_\_ 2023, \_\_\_ 2022, \_\_\_ 2021, \_\_\_ 2020,\_\_\_ 2019**
   3. Have you participated in other Branch activities?   
      **\_\_ Member or \_\_\_ Officer of the Uniformed Services University Student Chapters**

**\_\_ Member or \_\_\_ Officer of the University of Maryland Student Chapters**

**\_\_ Member or \_\_\_ Officer of the George Mason University Student Chapter**

**\_\_ Member or \_\_\_ Officer of the Howard University Student Chapter**

**\_\_ Other, please explain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. Professional position:
   1. Are you currently a postdoc? **Yes: \_\_ (Number of Years: \_\_\_\_) No: \_\_**
   2. Are you currently a tenured faculty member?   
      **Yes: \_\_ (Number of Years: \_\_\_\_) No: \_\_ (Number of Years: \_\_\_\_)**
   3. Are you a Clinical Laboratory Scientist (CLS, MT, MLT, MLS)? **Yes: \_\_ No: \_\_**
   4. Do you have a permanent position? **Yes: \_\_ No: \_\_**

**III. Professional Opportunity**

1. Provide a BRIEF description of your expected travel costs to attend the annual ASM meeting.
2. In 150 words or less, describe the funding situation at your institution and why this award is important to support your travel. Since the value of this award will not cover all travel costs, be sure to describe any additional funding sources that will complement this award and fully fund your travel.
3. Would receipt of this award allow you to support a student to travel to the ASM Annual Meeting? Briefly Explain.
4. In 250 words or less, describe how attending the ASM annual meeting will support your research agenda? Please provide a brief description of your research objectives and list specific events or presentations relevant to your work. If you are a Clinical Laboratory Scientist, describe how attending the ASM annual meeting will support an improvement in patient care.

**IV. Submission**

By submitting this application, you agree that all of the information is accurate and complete and you give the review committee permission to verify any of the information provided. You also declare that you have read the ASM publication, “American Society for Microbiology (ASM) Peggy Cotter Travel Award Program for Early Career\* Branch Members” and agree to the requirements and expectations of that document. If you are an awardee, you agree to complete a post-travel report, to be defined later, and you may be called upon to present your experiences at the next DC Branch meeting. The DC Branch of ASM will only evaluate and suggest awardees to the national ASM program as described by the ASM publication “American Society for Microbiology (ASM) Peggy Cotter Travel Award Program for Early Career\* Branch Members” and does not assume any responsibility to provide any funds or materials implied in the ASM program.