



American Committee on Arthropod-Borne Viruses and Zoonotic Viruses (ACAV)

Official Subgroup of the American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene

Interested in Arbovirology?

Offer your name by January 16 for consideration as a leader in the American Committee on Arthropod-Borne Viruses and Zoonotic Viruses (ACAV)

ACAV is looking for two passionate and committed candidates to serve as Councilors. Candidates should be interested in building a strong voice for arbovirology within ASTMH. ACAV is the largest international scientific organization of experts aimed at reducing the global burden of diseases caused by arthropod-borne viruses and zoonotic viruses of global importance including the hemorrhagic fever viruses.

ACAV members generate and share scientific evidence, inform health and science policy, guide considerations of arbovirus taxonomy, form standards for biosafety in laboratory work on arboviruses, maintain an international catalog of arboviruses, promote career development of arbovirologists, recognize excellence in arbovirology, provide trainee scholarships to attend meetings of the ASTMH, and advocate for investment in arbovirology research.

Interested candidates are asked to provide the following information:

- A maximum one-page statement briefly outlining the qualities and skill set that you would bring to this volunteer position. Please include an overview of professional qualifications. List any committee work within ASTMH or at similar societies or institutions. **Please submit as a word document.**
- One-page narrative biography **as a word document.**
- Recent headshot photo.

Interested candidates should [submit their application online](#) by Friday, January 16, 2026.

ACAV information and Councilor expectations:

- Actively participate in ACAV, ACAV Subgroup conference calls and meetings
- Actively engage in building a diverse ACAV membership
- Work in a timely, efficient, and outcome-oriented manner
- Work with fellow councilors to determine and establish long-term goals

- Strive to maintain focus on the mission, values and goals of the ACAV subgroup that then complement those of the ASTMH
- Proactively seek new funding, programs and projects to enhance the goals and mission of the ACAV Subgroup
- Monitor current programs for relevance and effectiveness
- Position Information: Terms are four years. There is no compensation for terms served. Candidate is a member in good standing in ASTMH and the ACAV Subgroup (dues are paid and current), and reflect the overall Society's diversity in geographic location, gender, age, race, ethnicity, professional experience, and work setting

Timeline for decision making:

The councilor election will take place in January 2026. Members of ACAV will vote. Results will be announced in February and the four-year term begins immediately.

Thanks for your support of ASTMH and interest in ACAV.

Regards,

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