



ASTMH ACAV Subcommittee Student/Trainee Leadership Group Scope of Work

Name and purpose: This organization shall be called the Student/Trainee Leadership Group. The purpose of this group is to increase the involvement, education, and activities geared to students and trainees offered at the ASTMH Annual Meeting and throughout the year.

The aims of the ACAV student/trainee council are to: 1) Advise ACAV on trainee issues including travel awards and other awards; 2) Train young scientists for leadership roles through ACAV mentorship; 3) Bring new ideas and energy to the ACAV executive council, and get younger people involved at all levels; 4) Promote ACAV activities where younger scientists have an advantage, such as social and digital media; and 5) Enhance cross-generational relationships and mentorships. **Special Focus Areas:** *AJTMH* articles, mentorship opportunities, leadership opportunities, and the history of ACAV.

Members: Members will be made up of students and trainees. Membership within the group shall be limited to 7-8. Students must be at an accredited school or other recognized training program. Trainees are designated as students, post-docs, or fellows. Members who complete training during their term may continue to be involved with the Student/Trainee Leadership Group in an advisor role.

Member Terms: Member terms will be for two years. Our goal is to have 2-3 members leave the group every year and be replaced by the same number of new members in order to promote continuity of ideas, bring fresh ideas, and open up the opportunity for leadership among other members of the ACAV subgroup.

Member Selection: New members of the Student/Trainee Leadership are to be selected by the current Student/Trainee Leadership group and advisors of the group. Selection will be based upon an application process with applications being reviewed by Student/Trainee Leadership Group and ACAV executive council advisors. Applications include CV, letter of recommendation from a supervisor or faculty mentor (preferably an ASTMH member), and applicant letter of interest.

Mentors/Advisors: One senior mentor will be appointed to the Student/Trainee Leadership Group by the ACAV executive council. The senior mentor will be an ACAV executive councilor with a term of no less than 3 years. Additional faculty Mentors/Advisors on an as-needed basis are to be made up of the leadership within the ACAV subgroup of ASTMH, who are working in or have an interest in arboviruses.

Annual meetings and division of labor: Members and senior mentor will meet twice annually, once in January to plan, organize and submit student/trainee events for the ASTMH Annual Meeting, including symposium, panels, and speed networking; and once at ASTMH Annual Meeting to admit new members and discuss ACAV business with the ACAV executive council. Tasks will be assigned to at least 3 members to ensure continuity under academic stress.