

Position Title: Science Writer
Department: Communications Department
Reports to: Managing Editor
Status: Full time (37.5 hours/week), Exempt status
Location: Rockville, Maryland, Hybrid, working three days per week in the office
Date: October 7th, 2022

The American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) is an international nonprofit scientific and educational organization. With over 10,000 members, made up of students, researchers, educators, and industry professionals, the ASBMB is one of the largest molecular life science societies in the world.

The American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) is seeking a **Science Writer** for its monthly print and digital magazine, ASBMB Today. The writer will be expected to craft profiles of researchers, thoroughly sourced and vetted investigations, character- and discovery-driven narratives that bring science to life, and timely news stories for print and online publication. Additional duties will include, but are not limited to, providing writing, editing, proofreading and support for various ASBMB projects.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Develops a strong understanding of monthly magazine's primary audiences (established and emerging biochemists and molecular biologists) and secondary audiences (policymakers, industry executives, academic administrators and laypeople who love the life sciences).
- Crafts profiles of researchers (primarily ASBMB members), thoroughly sourced and vetted investigations, character- and discovery-driven narratives that bring science to life, and timely news stories for print and online publication.
- Leverages existing network of on-the-record expert sources and develops new ones through email, social media, phone calls and meeting attendance.
- Develops long- and short-range story ideas by mining scientific literature and institutional and industry press releases, reading competing and complementary news sources, regularly communicating with sources, attending virtual scientific meetings and using social media.
- Experiments with new forms of print and online storytelling, acquiring new technical skills as needed through self-teaching, virtual workshops and online courses.
- Provides writing, editing, proofreading and support for other ASBMB creative projects and campaigns.
- Cultivates a strong social media following and actively promotes the society's value proposition, publications, campaigns and programs.
- Writes about classic papers for the Journal of Biological Chemistry.
- Assists with proofreading and editing when needed.

Positions may be reassigned, and responsibilities may be modified or changed at any time to fulfill organizational requirements.

Skills and Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in life sciences, English or Journalism required. Advanced degree preferred.
- Three to five years of journalistic writing experience preferably with a focus on science and/or technology. This is not an entry-level position.
- Excellent organizational skills with the ability to multitask and meet deadlines.
- Strong oral and written communication skills, grammar, spelling and journalistic writing; Associated Press style.
- Ability to be flexible and work creatively as part of a team or autonomously; strong interpersonal skills.
- Proficiency with MS Office and web content management.
- Familiarity with social media platforms.
- Must have proficient analytical skills.
- Must have attention to detail.

Benefits

This is a full-time, exempt position. The ASBMB offers exceptional benefits including professional development opportunities, 403(b) retirement, holidays, annual and sick leave, medical, dental and vision insurance, life insurance, short- and long-term disability, and free parking.

Location

This position is located in Rockville, Maryland, and in walking distance to Metro and on major bus lines. Currently all staff are required to work in the office three days per week and work remotely two.

To Apply

For more information and to apply, visit <http://www.faseb.org/employment>. **Please send a cover letter and salary requirements with your résumé and include links or PDFs of at least three or more clips of relevant work. Clips must show storytelling and deadline-driven reporting chops.**

If you need an accommodation to complete the application process, please contact FASEB/ASIP's Human Resources Department at resumes@faseb.org



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Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.