



### **Call for ASMB E-symposium Proposals for 2026**

The ASMB seeks proposals from ASMB and ISMB members interested in organizing and chairing an E-symposium focused on specific topics within the field of matrix biology.

### **What are E-symposia**

These are 60-90-minute sessions held on-line using the Zoom platform that allow scientists from all over the world to join together to learn about exciting advances in matrix biology and connect with the featured speakers. ASMB has hosted several of these events featuring 3-6 speakers within the allotted time.

### **The Role of the Chair(s)**

It will be up to the Chair(s) to propose a topic for their E-symposium, as well as determine the number of speakers and the format of the talks. The Chair(s) are responsible for selecting speakers from the abstracts that will be submitted in response to an ASMB call for abstracts (if the Chair is from ISMB the call for abstract will also be sent out to ISMB members), but chairs may also directly invite relevant speakers or choose a combination of speakers from both sources. All proposals should include details on how they will help achieve the diversity and equity goals of the ASMB. On the day of the E-symposium the session will be supported by at least one member of the ASMB outreach and communication committee.

### **When and Where will the E-Symposium be Held**

The E-symposiums will be scheduled for 2026 and dates are available throughout the year. The ASMB Outreach and Communication Committee will work closely with the selected guest chairs to assist in scheduling along with other administrative details. The E-symposia will be held online using the ZOOM platform subscribed to by the ASMB and usually run from 11 am to 12:00 or 12:30 pm Eastern time. (If you wish to hold your e-Symposium at a different time to accommodate a range of time zones, please include this information in your proposal.)



### **How to Submit a Proposal**

E-symposium proposals should include the proposed topic title, a brief explanation of why your proposal would be of interest to the matrix biology community, the format for the event, and the names and affiliations of the discussion leaders and potential invited speakers. Further, please indicate what steps you will take to try and make your session as inclusive and diverse as possible. We will be happy to discuss your proposals with you if helpful. Potential chairs and speakers must be members of the ASMB. We encourage submissions from ASMB or ISMB members at any career stage (including graduate students and post-docs) and welcome proposals from individuals or teams of two. Send your proposal by email to Kendra LaDuca ([kladuca@asmb.net](mailto:kladuca@asmb.net)).

**Proposal Deadline is rolling.** (There is no end date, but events are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.)