



Call for ASMB e-Symposium Guest Chairs

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

What are E-symposia

These are 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 two of these events featuring 3-4 speakers within the allotted time. Excitingly, our first two events averaged ~300 attendees.

The Role of the Chair(s)

It will be up to the Chair(s) to decide on the topic they would like their E-symposium to focus on, as well as 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 ASMB's general call for abstracts but chairs may invite relevant speakers to submit proposals specifically for their session, or a combination of abstracts from both sources. On the day of the E-symposium the session will be co-Chaired by at least one member of the ASMB outreach and communication committee.

When and Where will the E-Symposium be Held

E-symposia are tentatively scheduled for October 15th and December 10th, 2020. They will be held on-line using the ZOOM platform subscribed to by the ASMB and will run from 11 am to 12:30 pm Eastern time.

How to Submit a Chair Proposal

E-symposium chair proposals should include the proposed topic title, a brief explanation of why your proposal would be of interest to the ASMB, the format for the event, and the names and affiliations of the discussion leaders and 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. Potential chairs and speakers must be members of the ASMB. We encourage submissions from ASMB members at any career stage (including graduate students and post-docs) and welcome proposals from individuals or teams of two. Email Kendra LaDuca (kladuca@asmb.net) with questions. [Apply here](#).

Proposal Deadline – September 15th, 2020