



At a Glance: ASV News & Updates

We send our best wishes for peace, health, and happiness along with a successful year of scientific discovery.

Abstract Submission and Registration for ASV 2026 are open.

The abstract submission deadline is Monday, February 2, 2026.

If you need an early decision to apply for a travel visa, please ensure you select this option when submitting your abstract. The Global Scholar Award applications were accepted until November 30, 2025, and ASV will be notifying awardees soon.

Travel Awards are available to ASV members that are graduate and undergraduate students, postdoctoral scholars, and teachers of undergraduate virology students.

You can find more information on the program, travel, registration, abstract submission and travel awards online at ASV 2026.

*Note: If you are applying for a Travel Award, please do not register for the meeting at this time. Award recipients will receive a unique registration link once all applications have been reviewed and decisions are communicated.

Upcoming deadlines:

- February 2, 2026: Abstract submission deadline
- February 9, 2026: Travel Award deadline
- June 1, 2026: Early Bird Registration deadline (last day to receive registration discount)

The ASV Fall Council Meeting, held in Chicago on September 20–21, provided an important opportunity to reflect on these challenges and chart a path forward. Discussions centered on how ASV can more effectively communicate with and support our members, advocate for science and vaccines, and strengthen ongoing and future initiatives led by our committees. A major outcome of the meeting was the establishment of the ASV President's Advisory Board, composed of past ASV Presidents and distinguished virologists who will provide strategic guidance on major initiatives and decision-making

The 45th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Virology hosted by the University of Minnesota- Twin Cities will be held in Minnesota July 27-30, 2026. Shan-Lu Liu, in consultation with ASV Council, has arranged an outstanding program of plenary speakers with Dr. Stephen Goff, Columbia University as the keynote speaker. The program schedule of Symposium speakers, State-of-the-Art lectures, and Satellite symposia are available on the [ASV 2026 website](#).

One new feature of ASV 2026 is the Presidential Panel Discussion, which will take place on Wednesday, July 29, following the Symposium session. Presidents of several national societies, including those from Australia, Brazil, China, and France, will participate in a discussion of current challenges and emerging opportunities in virology with ASV president Shan-Lu Liu. This discussion will focus on global health, gain of function research, vaccines, and international collaboration. Suggestions and questions are welcome; please email president@asv.org.

In addition, ASV 2026 will have several special events for participants to attend: Career Development Workshop, Communications Workshop, Trainee Discussion Tables, Careers Beyond Academia Workshop, Virology Education Workshop, Virology Impact Resources & Opportunity (VIRO) workshop and a Live Podcast- This Week in Virology (TWIV). Some of these are highlighted below.

- **Animal Virology Satellite:** We will hear from a diverse panel of virologists to highlight and discuss recent findings, ideas, approaches, and methodologies towards illuminating the macromolecular mechanisms that underlie complex viral processes like assembly, packaging, and entry, fusion, uncoating, and trafficking.
- **Career Development Workshop:** Explore diverse non-academic career paths with experts from product development to patent law. This interactive workshop will offer practical insights, career strategies, and inspiration to help you navigate your own journey.
- **Careers Beyond Academia:** Come explore new possibilities and broaden your professional horizons! Hear industry, contract research organization (CRO), and public-health professionals share insights on exciting careers outside academia.
- **Mentor/Trainee Discussion Tables:** At ASV 2026, instead of at lunch, these will occur during a dinner time slot. Trainees: watch your e-mail in late June/early July for an announcement from ASV about signing up for a table, based on topics such as looking for a postdoc, teaching-focused careers, writing a research manuscript, work-life balance, etc.

- **Education workshop:** Current and aspiring teachers, come to this workshop about use (by both students and educators) of AI in the classroom (led by Yuk Sham, Associate Professor of Integrative Biology and Physiology, Univ. of Minnesota)
- **Great Minds Are Not All the Same:** The Virology Impact Resources & Opportunities (VIRO) Committee is thrilled to announce that Dr. Temple Grandin—best-selling author, pioneering animal behaviorist, and autism advocate—will be speaking on Monday, July 27th, during the VIRO Special Event Workshop dinner at the annual meeting. Dr. Grandin’s innovative research and powerful personal story have transformed both animal welfare and our understanding of neurodiversity. Don’t miss this inspiring event!

Onsite Childcare & Dependent Care Grants.

If you are in need of childcare during ASV 2026, sign up for KiddieCorp’s on-site childcare by Friday, May 22, 2026, so we can ensure these programs have sufficient enrollees. If you are an ASV Member, apply for the ASVCares dependent care grant through your membership account. Find more information on both programs here: [ASV 2026 Child & Dependent Care](#)

Society Business

ASV transitioned to a new website with new sections and enhanced navigation menus including an upgraded membership portal and new accessible jobs board. Some areas of the website are undergoing revision and may not be available yet. We appreciate your patience during this transition.

Membership

Memberships can be renewed by logging onto the membership site.

Non-members wishing to join ASV may submit the online membership application form at [Become a Member](#).

ASV 2026 Election

ASV’s annual election will open in mid-February. Members who have renewed their dues by February 15, 2026 will be eligible to vote. An email notification will be sent to all eligible voters with voting instructions prior to the start of the election.

ASV 365 Webinars

Introducing ASV365, our webinar series launched last year to provide ongoing education and engagement for our community. Each session features expert-led discussions on a variety of topics, all inspired by suggestions from our members.

In December 2025, the ASV Virology Impact, Resources and Opportunity (VIRO) committee and the Education and Career Development Committee (ECDC) hosted an engaging “Getting a Job in Academia” panel. Moderated by Jean Lim, the session featured Assistant Professors Chelsey Spriggs and Tyler Starr, who shared practical insights on preparing applications, navigating interviews, and transitioning into assistant professor positions at U.S. institutions.

As part of ASV 365, VIRO and ECDC will host two upcoming webinars focused on early-career transitions and professional development. These sessions will cover navigating the transition from graduate school to postdoctoral training across academia, industry, and government, as well as a practical ASV Annual Meeting survival guide to help first-time attendees succeed at the 45th Annual meeting in July 2026. Look for more virtual content this Spring; watch for e-mails from ASV that announce topics/dates.

Assistant Professor Bootcamp: New and aspiring Assistant Professors may attend this webinar, which will feature four panelists from various career stages to help guide them through this important career stage. Watch for e-mails from the ASV office about this upcoming webinar.

Partnerships

Australasian Virology Society (AVS)

A partnership between the Australasian Virology Society (AVS) and the American Society of Virology (ASV) supports an exchange program for early investigators to attend AVS and ASV meetings to present their research. The 2025 Ann Palmenberg awardees, Adam Bailey and Kinjal Majumder, presented their research at the Australasian Virology Society (AVS) 2025 Online Symposium and Annual General Meeting held in December 2025.

The Legacy of David Baltimore

ASV President Shan-Lu Liu attended a special event on December 10, 2025, at the Broad Institute Building of MIT to celebrate the life and extraordinary scientific achievements of David Baltimore, one of the most influential virologists and biomedical scientists of our time.

The event brought together David Baltimore’s family, friends, former trainees, and colleagues, reflecting the profound and lasting impact he had on generations of scientists and on the broader scientific community. Speakers included David Baltimore’s daughter, T.K. Baltimore, as well as Sally Kornbluth, Phillip Sharp, Gerald Fink, Harold Varmus, David Page, Eric S. Lander, Irving Weissman, Matt Vander Heiden, and Ruth Lehmann. Together, they shared personal reflections and professional insights that highlighted David Baltimore’s scientific vision, mentorship, leadership, and humanity.

Following the reception at the Broad Institute, the celebration continued across the street at the Koch Institute for Cancer Research, where a Memorial Dinner was held in the Luria Auditorium. During this event, the Susan Hockfield Cancer Research Prize was presented posthumously to David Baltimore in recognition of his transformative contributions to science. The award was presented by Susan Hockfield and accepted by David Baltimore's wife, Alice Huang, who delivered a deeply moving and heartfelt acceptance speech.

David Baltimore was a scientific giant and visionary leader whose work reshaped modern biology. His discovery of the reverse transcriptase enzyme along with his contribution to studies on V(D)J recombination and NF- κ B fundamentally advanced our understanding of virology, immunology, and gene regulation. Over the course of his remarkable career, David Baltimore trained 218 graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, spanning five to six generations of scientists, many of whom have gone on to become leaders in academia, industry, and public service.

Fostering a Future for Virologists

For over 40 years, ASV has united virologists worldwide, fostering collaboration, discovery, and innovation across all domains of life. Many of the Society's initiatives — including the Ann Palmenberg Junior Investigator Award, Travel Awards, and more — are made possible through the generosity of members and supporters.

Your engagement strengthens ASV's mission and helps create opportunities for the next generation of scientists. If you'd like to give back and support the work that connects and inspires our community, click below to make a donation.

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