

Student Guide to the 2010 ASCB Annual Meeting

Welcome to Philadelphia!
December 11–15, 2010

The American Society for Cell Biology hopes this special resource guide will help you plan your upcoming trip to the ASCB Annual Meeting. It's a big meeting, and there's a lot to take in. So, where to start?

First, be sure to register early, submit your abstract on time, and book your hotel early. More details about each of those processes are listed below, but it's important to know that a limited number of discounted hotel rooms have been reserved for ASCB student members only. If you make your reservations early, you will be able to take advantage of the lower rates.

Registration

Registration Categories and Fees

Member Rates	(Early Registration by Oct. 7)	(Regular Registration after Oct. 7)
ASCB Predoctoral Student Member/Member Applicant*	\$65	\$85
ASCB Undergraduate Student Member/Member Applicant*	\$35	\$70
Nonmember Rates		
Predoctoral Student Nonmember	\$125	\$155
Undergraduate Student Nonmember	\$75	\$110

Predoctoral Student Member: A candidate in good standing to receive a doctoral degree. Student members may sponsor their own abstract.

Undergraduate Student Member: The applicant must be working toward completion of a bachelor's degree, master's degree, or be a recent graduate within two years of degree conferral, and conducting postbaccalaureate work.

*To become eligible for the member applicant rate, applicants must first apply for membership and pay the appropriate membership application fee (shown below).

Membership Type	2010 Membership Fee
Predoctoral Student	\$38
Undergraduate Student	\$20

What Your Meeting Registration Includes

- ✓ Access to the Saturday subgroups, 50th Anniversary Keynote, seven Symposia, 28 Minisymposia, and four Working Group sessions
- ✓ 50th Anniversary Reception on Saturday night
- ✓ Special Award lectures such as Bruce Alberts Award, E.E. Just Lecture, E.B. Wilson Lecture, Public Service Award, Keith R. Porter Lecture
- ✓ Presentations of the WICB Jr. and Sr. Award, Merton R. Bernfield Awardee, Early Career Life Scientist Award, *MBC* Paper of the Year Awardee, and the Norton B. Gilula Awardee

- ✓ Programs for minorities, students, postdocs, and international attendees
- ✓ Programs on public policy
- ✓ Access to the Exhibit Hall, which features over 300 exhibiting companies
- ✓ Daily morning coffee breaks and afternoon refreshment breaks in the Exhibit Hall
- ✓ Over 700 daily poster presentations Sunday through Tuesday in the Exhibit Hall
- ✓ Access to the Career Center
- ✓ Complimentary wireless Internet access within certain areas of the Pennsylvania Convention Center
- ✓ *Annual Meeting Program* (available online three to four weeks before the meeting; print copy available onsite)
- ✓ Abstracts available online
- ✓ Meeting badge lanyard
- ✓ Free educational resources and networking opportunities in the Educational Resources/Minorities Affairs Committee Booth

Travel Awards

Looking for assistance with your travel to the ASCB Annual Meeting? The ASCB offers several types of student travel awards. The deadline for all travel award applications is September 1, 2010. More information is available at <http://www.ascb.org/meetings>.

- **Minority Students**
Members of the Minorities Affairs Committee review and score applications based on scientific merit, financial need, and the strength of the advisor's recommendation. [Click here.](#)
- **Undergraduate Students**
Members of the Education Committee review and score applications based on educational interests, financial need, and the strength of the advisor's recommendation. [Click here.](#)
- **Predoctoral Students**
Members of the Education Committee review and score applications based on scientific merit, financial need, and the strength of the advisor's recommendation. [Click here.](#)
- **Postdoctoral Fellows**
Members of the Education Committee review and score applications based on scientific merit, financial need, and the strength of the advisor's recommendation. [Click here.](#)

Hotels

- Hotel rates start at \$143 per night, plus 15.2% tax. Book early, because the lower-rate rooms are popular!
- A limited number of rooms with discounted rates for ASCB student members have been set aside at a few hotels. Once you have registered for the meeting, you may reserve a hotel room online or by phone.
- Discounted room rates for ASCB student members will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis until depleted. **Nonmember students and postdoctoral fellows do not qualify for reduced student rates.**
- Students who have reserved a student rate room will be contacted in the fall and asked to provide proof of student status. The ASCB will also check for current membership status. If you cannot provide proof of student status or if you are not an ASCB member, you will be charged a higher room rate.
- The ASCB also offers a [Room-Share Service](#).

To reserve your hotel room, [click here](#).

Student Volunteers

Undergraduate and predoctoral students may volunteer time (up to five hours) in exchange for complimentary Annual Meeting registration. Students must pay their registration fees up front. The cost of registration will be refunded (in the manner in which payment was received) within 60 days after the meeting. Priority is given to students who are ASCB members or member applicants. To sign up to become a volunteer, students must check the box on Step 3 of the registration form. If you are selected as a volunteer, you will receive an email with an assignment and more information.

Sessions of Interest for Students

Saturday, December 11

- 9:00 am–10:15 am Minorities Affairs Committee Mentoring Keynote (preregistration required)
- 9:00 am–5:00 pm Educational Resources/Minorities Affairs Committee Booth open
- 10:30 am–12:30 pm MAC Workshop–Grant-Writing Seminar (geared toward postdocs and junior faculty; preregistration required)
- 10:30 am–12:30 pm MAC Program–"Welcome to the Land of Muckity Muckdom, or What You Don't Know Will Hurt You" (geared toward undergraduate and graduate students)
- 12:30 pm–5:00 pm Member-Organized Special Interest Subgroups (topics and speakers to be announced in the fall)
- 1:30 pm–4:00 Education Workshop (preregistration required)
- 2:00 pm–4:00 pm MAC Poster Session
- 2:00 pm–3:30 pm WICB Workshop–"Leveraging Your PhD in the Real World"
- 3:30 pm–5:45 pm Undergraduate Program and Poster Presentation
- 5:00 pm–5:45 pm First-Time Attendee, Meet the ASCB Leadership Reception
- 6:00 pm 50th Anniversary Keynote followed by the 50th Anniversary Reception

Sunday, December 12

- 7:30 pm–9:00 pm Career Center open in Exhibit Hall
- 9:00 am–5:00 pm Educational Resources/Minorities Affairs Committee Booth open
- 8:30 am–10:35 am Seven concurrent Minisymposia and one Working Group session
- 10:00 am–4:30 pm Exhibit Hall open
- 11:30 am–2:30 pm Poster presentations in the Exhibit Hall
- 12:00 Noon–2:00 pm Postdoc Presentation (preregistration required)
- 12:00 Noon–2:00 pm K–12 Science Education Workshop
- 2:00 pm–3:00 pm High School Program
- 2:30 pm–3:30 pm WICB Network Reception
- 3:00 pm–4:00 pm E.E. Just Lecture
- 3:15 pm–3:45 pm Bruce Alberts Award and Presentation
- 4:15 pm–5:45 pm Two concurrent Symposia
- 6:15 pm–7:15 pm Keith Porter Lecture
- 7:15 pm–8:15 pm Public Service Award Presentation

Monday, December 13

- 7:30 am–9:00 pm Career Center open in Exhibit Hall
- 8:30 am–10:35 am Seven concurrent Minisymposia and one Working Group session
- 9:00 am–5:00 pm Educational Resources/Minorities Affairs Committee Booth opens
- 10:00 am–4:30 pm Exhibit Hall Open
- 10:00 am–11:00 am Subcommittee on Postdoctoral Training Open Forum for students and postdocs

11:30 am–2:30 pm Poster presentations in the Exhibit Hall
 2:30 pm–4:00 pm WICB Career Discussion and Mentoring Roundtables (preregistration required)
 3:00 pm–4:00 pm Congress 101
 3:15 pm–3:45 pm Education Initiative Forum
 4:15 pm–5:45 pm Two concurrent Symposia

Tuesday, December 14

7:30 am–4:30 pm Career Center open in Exhibit Hall
 8:30 am–10:35 am Seven concurrent Minisymposia and one Working Group session
 9:00 am–5:00 pm Educational Resources/Minorities Affairs Committee Booth open
 10:00 am–4:30 pm Exhibit Hall open
 11:30 am–2:30 pm Poster presentations in the Exhibit Hall
 2:30 pm–4:00 pm WICB Award Presentation and Mentoring Theater–“OVERWHELMED”
 3:15 pm–3:45 pm Education Initiative Forum
 3:30 pm–4:00 pm Celldance Award Presentation
 4:15 pm–5:45 pm Two concurrent Symposia
 6:15 pm–7:30 pm E.B. Wilson Award Presentation

Wednesday, December 15

8:30 am–10:35 am Seven concurrent Minisymposia and one Working Group session
 11:00 am–12:15 pm Closing Symposium

Abstract Submission

	Deadlines	Cost
Regular Abstract Submission (Minisymposium or poster consideration)	July 29	\$65
Regular Abstract Submission (poster consideration only)	September 1	\$65
Late Abstract Submission	October 14	\$90

International Students

Please note the tips below, and visit www.ascb.org/meetings for more details on visas and other requirements for international travelers:

- Register for the 2010 ASCB Annual Meeting as soon as possible. Meeting registration opens on April 29, 2010.
- During the registration process, you will be provided a check box to request a formal letter of invitation from the ASCB. Invitation letters specify the subject, location, and dates of the 2010 ASCB Annual Meeting, and are often required when applying for a visa. ASCB will email, fax, and/or mail the letter.
- **Apply early for a visa.** The visa application process can take four to six months to complete. You should apply for your visa no later than August 9, 2010.
- Contact the U.S. Embassy Consular Section in your country to determine the visa processing time frame.
- Difficulties in obtaining a VISA? The ASCB has registered its meeting with the National Academies. The leadership of the National Academies is working with the U.S. Government to develop better visa application and processing. If anyone in your group is experiencing difficulties obtaining a visa, please report the case to the National Academies by completing an [online questionnaire](#).

Note: A letter of invitation does not guarantee issuance of a visa. The decision to issue a visa is the sole judgment of the local U.S. Embassy or Consulate. The Society is unable to assist with actual visa processing. ASCB cannot provide any financial support for travel, registration fees, or local expenses, other than through student travel awards.

Assistance for Students with Disabilities

If you have a disability or a special need that may affect your participation in the Annual Meeting, please check the appropriate box when registering. ASCB staff will contact you before the Annual Meeting to discuss your requirements. The ASCB cannot ensure the availability of appropriate accommodations without at least 10 days' prior notification of need.

Philadelphia Access Guide

For information on wheelchair and scooter rentals as well as shuttle services, please visit Accessible Philadelphia at www.phila.gov/mcpd/links.html. Scooter rentals at the convention center include:

Scoot Around

888-441-7575

www.scootaround.com/

Scooter Bug

407-532-7400 ext 202

www.scooterbug.com/

Transportation

Located in the heart of Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania Convention Center and nearby hotels are easy to reach by plane, train, and car.

- **By car.** The Convention Center is just a few minutes from I-95, which runs north and south. Philadelphia is 1.5 hours from New York and 2.5 hours from Washington, DC.
- **Philadelphia International Airport.** Just eight miles from Center City, the newly renovated Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) serves over 30 airlines, with 1,500 inbound flights daily. Visit www.phl.org for complete information.
- **Amtrak.** Amtrak rail operates trains from 30th Street Station, with service along the Northeast corridor and points west and south. For schedules, fares, and other information, visit www.amtrak.com or call 800-USA-RAIL.
- **Septa Rail Line.** The R-I connects Philadelphia International Airport directly to Center City Philadelphia, including Amtrak's 30th Street Station and the Convention Center. Other SEPTA Regional Rail Lines can shuttle you throughout the region. Visit www.septa.org or call 215-580-7800.
- For more information on traveling to Philadelphia and getting around town, visit the Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau at www.philadelphiausa.travel/transportation.

Discounted Airfares/Amtrak

The ASCB has made arrangements for ASCB attendees to receive discounted airline and rail fares. For complete details, visit www.ascb.org/meetings.

Ground Transportation from Airport

The ground transportation system at the airport is an extensive network of taxi, car rental, shuttle bus, limousine, and van operations.

- **Taxis.** All taxi rates to the central Philadelphia area are based per trip, not per person. The flat rate is \$28.50.
- **Sedan, Limousine Services, and Shared Ride Van.** For information please go to the Ground Transportation Information desk, which is located in each baggage claim area. Lady Liberty van services all downtown hotels. The rate is \$10.00 each way. www.ladylibertyshuttle.com/
- **Rental Car Discounts.** ASCB members and meeting attendees are eligible for rental car discounts through Avis and Hertz. Refer to the following codes when making rental car reservations:
 Avis—www.avis.com, 800-230-4898. Code: T755300
 Hertz—www.hertz.com, 800-654-3131. Code: 130181

Weather

	Temp. (°F)	Relative Humidity (Percentage)		Extreme Temp. (Days Per Month)		Rain (Inches)	Cloudiness (Days Per Month)		
		am	pm	Below 32°	Above 90°		Average	Clear	Partly Cloudy
December	35.8	74%	59%	21	0	3.4	7	8	15

What to Wear

Wear comfortable shoes—you'll be doing a lot of walking. The Pennsylvania Convention Center is large and linear. Most attendees dress in jeans and casual wear. Bring a jacket or sweater because it can get cold in some rooms in the Convention Center.

Take Advantage of These Free Services

Room-Share Service

To help with hotel expenses, an expensive part of attending a meeting, the ASCB provides a room-share service for all participants. To be included in this list, please go to http://www.ascb.org/Meeting/room_share.cfm. It is your responsibility to contact people on the list to find a roommate. This service is available to all ASCB registered meeting attendees.

Wireless Internet Access

The Pennsylvania Convention Center will provide free, wireless Internet access in the common areas of the Convention Center during the 2010 ASCB Annual Meeting. Wireless Internet service will not be available in the meeting rooms or Exhibit Hall unless you purchase (with credit card) access at \$10 per day. Meeting attendees who wish to use this service should bring their own laptop computer, or PDA, with a built-in wireless network card or with an external wireless card that is 802.11a, 802.11b, or 802.11g compatible. **Note:** Technical support will not be provided.

Internet Café

Visit the Internet Café located in the Registration area. Attendees may use the kiosks to check personal email and browse the Web. An ASCB Annual Meeting attendee or exhibitor badge is required to use the Internet Café. The Internet Café is open during registration hours.

Career Center

Annual meeting attendees and exhibitors will have the opportunity to access job listings and schedule interviews with participating employers at the ASCB Career Center located in the Exhibit Hall.

The Career Center will have board postings with separate areas for both job seekers and employers. Job seekers will be able to use the boards to post resumes and view job listings. Employers will be able to post job openings and access resumes. Interview booths can be reserved for onsite interviews. The service will offer an informal and confidential setting for applicants and employers to meet.

Hours:

Saturday, Dec. 11	5:30 pm–9:00 pm
Sunday, Dec. 12	7:30 am–9:00 pm
Monday, Dec. 13	7:30 am–9:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 14	7:30 am–4:30 pm

Message Center

The ASCB will provide a message center for all ASCB attendees outside Hall C of the Pennsylvania Convention Center as follows:

Saturday, Dec. 11	7:30 am–10:00 pm
Sunday, Dec. 12	7:30 am–9:00 pm
Monday, Dec. 13	7:30 am–9:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 14	7:30 am–9:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 15	7:30 am–1:00 pm

As of Wednesday, December 15, at 1:00 pm, the Message Center will be dismantled, and any messages left on the boards will be discarded.