Every day FASEB brings real value to its members. Here are just a few recent initiatives that demonstrate FASEB's dedication to its societies and their members.

Providing Impactful Experiences for Science Policy Fellows

Designed to provide students with an introduction to public policy issues related to life science research, the Public Policy Fellowship Program is an exclusive member benefit offering professional development and training experience to your members who are PhD students or postdocs. FASEB's most recent Fellows, Edna Chiang and Abigail Dove, made great strides during their fellowships. Most notably, Chiang, a PhD student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, connected much of what she learned about policy and legislation during her fellowship to foreign influence on science and national security issues. The understanding she gained culminated in an op-ed on international collaborations. Dove, a PhD student at Johns Hopkins University, spearheaded FASEB's research into and endorsement of the Graduate Student Saving Act of 2019, a bipartisan bill that allows graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to contribute income obtained from a fellowship or stipend to an Individual Retirement Account. Congress passed the bill and the President signed it in December.

Want to nominate your members for a Public Policy Fellowship? Start here

Showcasing Your Members' BioArt

Every day your members produce thousands of images and videos as part of their research. Open to members of FASEB's societies, the FASEB BioArt Scientific Video and Image Competition provides your members an opportunity to share the beauty and breadth of their biological research with the public. Thirteen winning entries were selected in the most recent competition, covering studies on blood vessel formation, the measles virus, blood clots in mice, and more. "The BioArt contest shows the beauty that emerges from scientific research – sometimes only seen under an investigator's microscope. I'm so pleased that we can shine a light on this work, and FASEB is proud to honor this year's winners," said FASEB President Hannah V. Carey, PhD.
Supporting Your Use of Animals in Research Projects

You know that scientists use animals to learn more about health problems that affect both humans and animals, and to assure the safety of new medical treatments. But your colleagues, community, and other organizations may not know that. In a continuing effort to help you justify your use of animals in research, FASEB launched a series of factsheets, "Animal Research Saves Lives and Cures Diseases." These factsheets use clinical examples to demonstrate how species-specific research in animal models ranging from canines to nonhuman primates to llamas and more have brought about a broad range of therapies and cures for both humans and animals.

FASEB Board Working for You

Representation on the Federation Board is open to all Full member societies and provides direct impact on FASEB's strategic priorities and activities. At its December meeting, the Board discussed topics critical to the Federation, including member benefits and value, FASEB's 2020 budget and operating plan, and new leadership opportunities for early-career researchers and trainees. Read the full meeting summary.

Did You Know

. . . there are now three categories for the FASEB Excellence in Science Award: Lifetime Achievement, Mid-Career Investigator, and Early-Career Investigator? Nominations are now being accepted for the 2021 award cycle in each category. If you’re a member of a FASEB member society and know an accomplished woman scientist, nominate her! View nomination info.

. . . the FASEB Board of Directors recently approved the addition of three new positions on the Board and three new positions on the Science Policy Committee for graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, or early-career investigators? Full member societies may nominate one candidate to serve as an Early-Career Representative on the Federation Board and one candidate to serve on the Science Policy Committee. Nominations must be received by March 2.

By the Numbers
A Win for FASEB Advocacy!

FISCAL YEAR 2020 FEDERAL FUNDING INCREASES

In December, Congress approved and the President signed legislation providing new funding for research programs at the NIH, NSF, DOE, VA, and USDA in FY 2020—thanks to advocacy by FASEB, FASEB member societies, and other stakeholders.

$3.249 Billion

Total of New Funding for Federal Research