The professional home for an international community of biomedical researchers and educators focusing on the structural foundation of health and disease.

MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
Brief History

The American Association of Anatomists (AAA) was founded by Joseph Leidy in Washington, D.C. in 1888 for the “advancement of anatomical science.” Through the individual efforts of its members, and collectively as a pre-eminent scientific society AAA has made many significant contributions in research and education.

Members have been recognized worldwide for leading edge scientific accomplishments in science and medicine, and the generation of documents that have literally changed the approach, direction and emphasis of anatomical science education around the world.

Our Mission

Advancing anatomical science through research, education, and professional development.

Our Vision

Serve as the gateway for conveying the relevance of biological structure as it relates to function from molecules to organisms, and the role of anatomy in team-based, interdisciplinary science, healthcare, and education.

Our Difference

AAA is dedicated to supporting and providing our members with opportunities to enhance their careers, expand their scientific knowledge, and grow their professional network.

“AAA knows that the future of anatomy resides in the young researchers of today; and provides us with every opportunity to succeed. AAA offers students the opportunity to hold an elected position on their Board of Directors, making AAA the only professional scientific society to provide a real voice of advocacy for its student members. AAA is an inclusive, supportive, and truly “member-centric” society, which I’m very proud to be part of!”

Victoria Roach, Ph.D. Candidate
Clinical Anatomy Corps for Research in Instructional and Perceptual Technologies Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry

Student Member Since 2010
Connect with Your Community

Networking is one of the key reasons that current members are extremely satisfied with the association. AAA offers quality opportunities to collaborate at the following:

**Annual Meeting** – held in conjunction with the Experimental Biology (EB) interdisciplinary scientific meeting. EB brings together over 14,000 scientists from around the world and is known as the place for symposia, oral and poster sessions, career services, and networking.

**Online Community** – provides opportunities to connect with other members online while sharing information and helping each other solve the challenges they are facing.

**Regional Meetings** – provides members an opportunity to meet other members in their geographic area while accessing targeted, top-notch education.
AAA offers members a wide variety of publications.

**Expand Your Scientific Knowledge**

Receive free and discounted subscriptions to the following:

*The Anatomical Record*, our oldest (first published in 1906) monthly research journal (electronic and/or print) that focuses on new discoveries in the morphological aspects of molecular, cellular, systems and evolutionary biology.

*Developmental Dynamics*, our monthly research journal (electronic only) that presents cutting-edge research in the field of developmental biology, focusing on morphogenesis.

*Anatomy Now*, our monthly electronic newsletter that provides members with up-to-date information on AAA activities within our community, public policy updates, research breakthroughs, membership profiles and accomplishments.

*Anatomical Sciences Education*, our quarterly education research publication (electronic only) provides resources on how to teach anatomy to students.

*The FASEB Journal*, published by The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), is the most cited biology journal worldwide. Members receive a 60 percent discount on the individual rate for online subscriptions.

*FASEB Washington Update*, electronic newsletter that provides news and analyses of federal science policy.

“It’s a great organization and provides many ways to become involved and build careers. As an example, AAA gave me the opportunity to give my first presentation as a graduate student, chair my first platform session as a postdoctoral fellow, organize my first symposium as an assistant professor, and as a professor, to take my first trip to China to participate in a meeting of the Chinese Anatomical Society. So, AAA has continued to give me opportunities to learn and network from early career up to being a senior faculty member. AAA can do the same for you.”

Lydia DonCarlos, Ph.D., Professor Loyola University Chicago Regular Member Since 1988
AAA recognizes your accomplishments.

## Advance in Your Career

AAA offers opportunities for members to be recognized for professional achievements in our field. Members may serve in leadership roles within the organization on committees, task forces, or even the Board of Directors.

In recognition of our members’ accomplishments, AAA annually administers numerous highly regarded awards. These awards are available for scientists in all stages of their career. For deadlines, descriptions and criteria go to [www.anatomy.org](http://www.anatomy.org).

### Service, Leadership and Scientific Achievement Awards

- Henry Gray/Elsevier Distinguished Educator Medal
- Henry Gray/Lippincott Williams & Wilkins Scientific Achievement Medal
- AAA/Wiley A.J. Ladman Exemplary Service Medal
- Basmajian Award
- Fellow of the American Association of Anatomists (FAAA)
- Young Investigator Awards
- Young Anatomists Publication Award

### Scholarships, Grants and Training Opportunities

- Short-Term Visiting Scholarships
- Lippincott Williams Wilkins/AAA Education Research Scholarship
- Postdoctoral Fellowship Program
- Outreach Grants
- Anatomy Training Program

### Student, Postdoc and Young Faculty Travel Awards

Guaranteed travel awards of $250 and $350 are provided to all student and postdoc members who submit an abstract and present their work at the Annual Meeting, held in conjunction with Experimental Biology. In addition, abstracts are judged by a committee to determine finalists to compete in one of the Platform or Poster Presentation Awards. $500 Young Faculty Travel Awards are awarded on a competitive basis.
AAA is a member society of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), a coalition of 27 independent societies that play an active role in lobbying for the interests of biomedical and life scientists.

The American Physiological Society (APS)
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB)
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET)
American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP)
American Society for Nutrition (ASN)
The American Association of Immunologists (AAI)
American Association of Anatomists (AAA)
The Protein Society (PS)
Society for Developmental Biology (SDB)
American Peptide Society (APS)
Association of Biomolecular Resource Facilities (ABRF)
The American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR)
The American Society for Clinical Investigation (ASCI)
Society for the Study of Reproduction (SSR)
The Teratology Society (TS)
The Endocrine Society (TES)
The American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG)
Environmental Mutagenesis and Genomics Society (EMGS)
International Society for Computational Biology (ISCB)
American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM)
Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES)
Genetics Society of America (GSA)
American Federation for Medical Research (AFMR)
The Histochemical Society (HCS)
Society for Pediatric Research (SPR)
Society for Glycobiology (SFG)
Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP)
“I can say without a doubt that being a member of AAA has done more for my career than any other single thing has, aside from my degree itself. By going to the annual meeting I am able to keep in touch with my fascinating, energizing colleagues from all over the country (and world), and of course every year I meet new ones.”

Ann Zumwalt, Ph.D.
Course Director, Medical Gross Anatomy
Department of Anatomy & Neurobiology
Boston University School of Medicine

Regular Member Since 2002