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AAPath E-News: December 2025

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2025: A YEAR IN REVIEW

AAPath Looks Back on Highlights from 2025

Demonstrating an impressive array of activities and accomplishments of the AAPath and its members, here are just a few of the highlights from AAPath's monthly e-News in 2025. There's more to read at [www.academicpathology.org/e-news!](http://www.academicpathology.org/e-news)

- [January 2025](#): AAPath shares Advocacy Priorities for 2025, welcomes applicants for the AAPath Pathology Leadership Fellows Program and the Society of '67 Kinney Scholars Program, and the Vice Chairs of Research Affinity Group convenes their first virtual meeting.
- [February 2025](#): GMEAS members host their Mid-Year Virtual Meeting and AAPath members submit suggestions for an AAPath tagline.
- [March 2025](#): AAPath announces election outcomes and opens the 2024 AAPath Compensation Benchmarking Survey.
- [April 2025](#): PRODS host their Spring Virtual Meeting and the QIPS Scholarship Forum, AAPath represents Pathology to medical students in the AAMC Virtual Specialty Forum, and AAPath publishes a compilation of resources for faculty development, entrustable professional activities (EPAs), and residents applying to pathology fellowships.
- [May 2025](#): PRODS and GMEAS host virtual bootcamps to prepare new and experienced Program Directors and Coordinators for the next cycle of trainees.
- [June 2025](#): AAPath launches a new General Membership category and members of the Academy of Distinguished Pathology Educators publish their perspective on pathobiology

education in an *NEJM* editorial.

- [July 2025](#): AAPath hosts the 2025 AAPath Annual Meeting at the Hilton Denver City Center in Denver, CO, and announces their new tagline – *Improving Health through Diagnosis, Education & Discovery*.
- [August 2025](#): The Society of '67 initiates a new round of applications for Trainee Project Grants in Health Services Research or Education and AAPath shares aggregate data from the 2024 Compensation Benchmarking studies for faculty and administrators.
- [September 2025](#): Registration opens for the AAPath 2026 Consolidated Regional Meeting for Chairs and APEX members and AAPath opens a Call for Abstracts for the 2026 AAPath Annual Meeting in Boston.
- [October 2025](#): AAPath joins the Academy of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging Research and opens the [2025 Compensation Benchmarking Study](#) for submission of data by March 2026.
- [November 2025](#): The season of giving sparks contributions to the Society of '67 programs.
- [December 2025](#): AAPath reflects on advocacy accomplishments in 2025 and welcomes applicants for the 2026-2027 AAPath Pathology Leadership Fellows Program.

A Year in Review: Advocacy Updates

From the desk of AAPath's Deputy Director, [Lydia P. Howell, MD](#)

This past year has provided many opportunities for AAPath to advocate strategically on behalf of academic pathology. We are a small but influential organization. Our voice amplifies messages shared by others, provides academic gravitas, and ensures that the impact and needs of education, research, innovation and service to others through patient care are considered in policy- and decision-making. We are proud of our many activities listed below that have supported our members' interests.

- [AAPath participated as a signatory in 11 sign-on letters](#) with other prominent medical, subspecialty, or scientific organizations to various legislators and branches of government. View the letters posted on the AAPath Statements page: www.academicpathology.org/statements. These topics include:
 - Supporting a robust 2026 budget for the National Institute of Health,
 - Urging no appeal of Texas court's decision denying regulation by FDA of LDTs
 - Inviting the NIH's new director to share his vision with AAMC's Ad Hoc Group on Medical Research.
 - Opposing the Patent Eligibility Restoration Act (PERA) which would overturn Supreme Court precedent by expanding patentable patent-eligible subject matter to encompass abstract ideas, laws of nature, and natural phenomena including genes.
 - Reinstating the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee (CLIA)
 - Requesting a national effort to address pediatric reference ranges supported by \$10 million to support this project.
 - Supporting the new and more transparent Financial Accountability in Research (FAIR) model for grant facilities and administrative expenses (a.k.a. F&A or "indirects") developed by the Joint Associations Group on Indirect Costs.
 - Protecting patient access to clinical laboratory services via reforms to Medicare's Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule outlined in the Reforming and Enhancing Sustainable Updates to Laboratory Testing Services (RESULTS) Act.
 - Requesting a National Interest Exemption (NIE) from President's \$100,000 H-1B visa fee for the pathology and laboratory medicine workforce.
 - Requesting continuation of remote digital cytopathology review by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
 - Supporting funding for Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) in addition to the NIH funding amount requested.

- Supported members' grassroots advocacy efforts by providing opportunities and resources for use locally or nationally. These efforts include:
 - Letter in collaboration with FASEB for individuals to share with their state's legislators demonstrating support the NIH budget.
 - Resources from AAMC to aid in development of compelling stories that show policymakers why sustained investment in the research is important.
<https://communities.aamc.org/resources1/resource-bundles/value-of-research-funding-toolkit>
 - Links ([@JAGTownHall | Linktree](#)) to view recordings of webinars and town halls on the new FAIR model to modernize support for research overhead expenses.
 - Information about the AAMC's advocacy priorities for the 119th Congress to help AAPath members align their efforts with the broader academic medicine community.
 - Updates on the AAMC's Value of Academic Medicine which includes new information and resources for local advocacy, including stories of how academic medicine impacts communities nationwide.
- Hosted Virtual Town Halls. Members can view recordings online at: www.academicpathology.org/past-virtual-events. Themes include:
 - The changing landscape associated with the FDA's proposed rule to regulate lab developed tests (LDTs) like medical devices.
 - The new realities of research funding.
 - The new realities in the education mission, including navigating the rapid changes in education-related policy, such as new visa policies for international students, trainees and faculty.
- Participated in meetings with peer organizations to strategically engage influential organizations and ensure that the voice of academic pathology is heard. These meetings include:
 - Participation in the annual National Pathology Organizations (NPO) meeting convened by the College of American Pathologists (CAP).
 - Regular participation in the AAMCs' weekly meetings for government relations representatives and other related workgroup meetings, such as their NIH Working Group and Biomedical Research Community calls.
 - Participation in quarterly Clinical Laboratory Coalition (CLC) calls convened by CRD Associates, a government relations, advocacy, and strategic communications service firm in Washington, DC.
 - Participation in ASCP's Medical and Public Health Laboratory Workforce Coalition.
 - Monthly informal conversations with our allies in other pathology organizations.
 - Attendance at an invitation-only workshop organized by the National Academy of Medicine and the American Junior Investigator Association (AJIA) held in Washington DC on September 9, 2025, to brainstorm easily implementable solutions that would address the leaky pipeline of early career physician-scientists.

As the voice of academic departments of pathology, AAPath is proud of these efforts to represent our members and looks forward to more impactful participation next year. The staff and leadership of AAPath wish you a happy and healthy New Year and look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at in-person and virtual events in 2026! Thank you to all for your support and engagement.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Renew by TODAY, December 31, 2025!

The 2026 AAPath membership renewal season ENDS TODAY!
We thank you for being valued members of the Association for Academic Pathology and hope that you will continue your membership through 2026 and beyond!

Instructions and Renewal Information

Designated department representatives and Special Members were emailed instructions in early September on how to process their membership renewals for 2026. Please review the dues invoice and ensure department membership rosters are up to date. **If dues remain unpaid after today's deadline, individuals will be unsubscribed from their respective listservs and not have access to members only material.** Note that faculty and staff, who are not currently members of an AAPath Section or Affinity Group, are eligible to join in the new General Membership category. General Members will not appear on the departmental dues invoice. See more below about General Membership.

For those on the AAPath Departmental roster, your one departmental dues rate provides access to education, training, information resources, and networking opportunities for Chairs and Vice Chairs, department executives (through APEX), residency program directors and associate program directors (through PRODS), GME program coordinators and administrators (through GMEAS), and directors of medical student curricula or programs (through UMEDS), and other professionals in our academic affinity groups. Keeping the membership roster current is vital for your department to maximize the value of AAPath membership. **If you need to update your membership roster** (at any time of the year), please review the instructions and FAQs on the AAPath website at: www.academicpathology.org/membership-updates or contact us at info@academicpathology.org.

For faculty and staff who do not serve in the traditional AAPath Section leadership roles but are interested in advancing the missions of academic pathology and developing their leadership connections and opportunities through engagement with the AAPath community, the new General Membership category allows benefits that include the opportunity to receive AAPath announcements, attend members-only virtual events, access members-only resources, secure annual meeting membership pricing, and network with academic colleagues and leaders. General Membership is renewable annually on the anniversary of membership. Direct any inquiries to info@academicpathology.org. **We hope you enjoy the community and other benefits of AAPath membership, as we strive to better serve and represent you each year!** Updates on all AAPath's activities are provided in our monthly e-News, which are [archived here](#).

MEMBER RECOGNITION

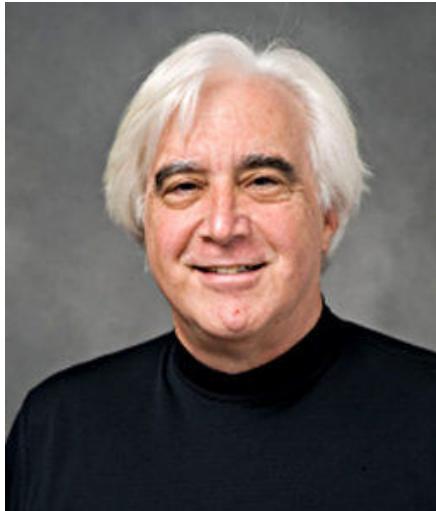
AAPath Member Recognition

AAPath seeks to highlight major member accomplishments in this Member Recognition section of the e-News, where we spotlight special announcements, such as advancement to national leadership positions, inductions into national academies, national and international awards, national press coverage, Chair retirements, new Chair appointments, and more! If you have an announcement that you would like to share, please contact the AAPath Office at: info@academicpathology.org to let us know!

Chair Transitions – AAPath Welcomes New Chair Members!

For a complete listing of new Chair members, visit the AAPath website at:
University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Columbia
www.academicpathology.org/new-chairs

Franklin G. Berger, PhD, was appointed as Interim Chair of the Department of Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology, effective 6/16/2025, following Mitzi Nagarkatti, PhD, who previously served as Department Chair since 2006.



Franklin G. Berger, PhD



Mitzi Nagarkatti, PhD

St. Louis University School of Medicine

Govind Bhagat, MBBS, was appointed as Permanent Chair of the Department of Pathology, effective 6/30/2025, following Katherine J. Robbins, MD, who previously served as Interim Chair since 1/1/2020.



Govind Bhagat, MBBS



Katherine J. Robbins, MD

University of Saskatchewan

Carol Cheung, MD, PhD, JD, was appointed as Permanent Chair (Head) of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine effective 12/1/2025, following Fergall Magee, MD, MHSc, who previously served as Department Head since 2015.



Carol Cheung, MD, PhD, JD



Fergall Magee, MD, MHSc

APLF PROGRAM – APPLY TODAY!

AAPath Pathology Leadership Fellows (APLF) Program



The 2026-27 APLF Program application period is NOW OPEN and closes Feb. 9, 2026!

The AAPath Pathology Leadership Fellows (APLF) program cultivates leadership potential and opportunities by providing experiences and education that accelerate understanding and competency in the skills required for academic administration. The APLF program offers mentoring, three exercises to develop self-promotion skills and career path awareness, monthly webinars covering key leadership topics, and two live leadership workshops. This well-received year-long (July to July) course has filled all classes since it was first offered in 2021. The APLF program is suitable for mid-to-senior level faculty (assistant, preferably associate, professor level faculty) pursuing vice chair, director, chief or chair roles. No more than two participants will be selected from any one AAPath member department in good standing (current dues paid). For information about the program and how to apply, visit www.academicpathology.org/aplf.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

AAPath 2026 ANNUAL MEETING



AAPath 2026 Annual Meeting
July 19-22, 2026 | Boston, MA
Hilton Boston Park Plaza

The 59th AAPath Annual Meeting will be held at the historic Hilton Boston Park Plaza in Boston, MA, July 19-22, 2026. Join your colleagues at this once-yearly, highly anticipated opportunity to network with leaders in academic pathology. Arrive in time to reunite at the **Welcome Reception on Sunday, July 19th** and then immerse yourself in educational topics over three full days of programming – **Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday!** For those unable to attend in-person, a robust online experience broadcast via Zoom will be available for remote attendees. **The AAPath Annual Meeting is open to ALL AAPath Members!**

AAPath Section Councils and Committees are hard at work developing exceptional and timely educational content for the AAPath 2026 Annual Meeting. Program details will be updated as they evolve at: www.academicpathology.org/aapath2026.

Register TODAY to lock-in with the same meeting registration rates as AAPath 2025! From **NOW through February 17, 2026** use the discount code **EARLY2026** for **\$100 off your meeting registration!** Learn more about pricing and registration details, including the AAPath Health and Safety Policy and Cancellation Policy at: www.academicpathology.org/AAPath2026-Pricing

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NEW PROGRAM

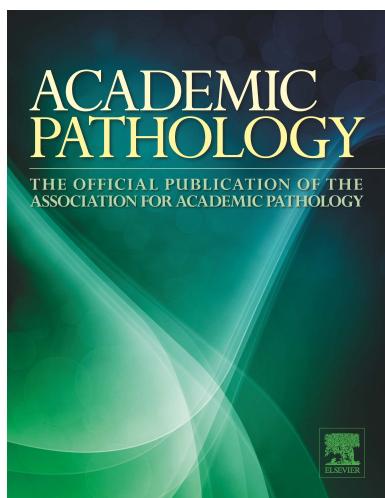
Fundamentals of Medical Education – *Coming in early 2026!*

The AAPath Academy of Distinguished Pathology Educators is launching a new program in early 2026, **“Fundamentals of Effective Health Science Education: What Every Educator Should Know,”** designed to strengthen educator effectiveness and expand professional opportunities. The program provides essential knowledge and skills grounded in contemporary educational theory for adult learners. The program is intended for health science faculty at all levels of experience who seek professional development to enhance their effectiveness, enrich their knowledge and experience, and develop their career as a health science educator. This longitudinal program includes six interactive sessions delivered remotely by Zoom (up to 90 minutes each), plus an in-person session at two consecutive AAPath annual meetings. Zoom sessions will be recorded and available for viewing by enrollees. Written reflections on each session must be submitted to receive credit for attending each session and to receive the certificate of completion. Additional details, including the webinar schedule, in-person session dates, and enrollment information, will be announced when registration opens in early 2026. The first session is scheduled for the third week of February 2026. More information will be posted at: www.academicpathology.org/Pathology-Educators-Program

NEW ACADEMIC PATHOLOGY ARTICLES AND OFFICE HOURS

What's NEW in Academic Pathology

Academic Pathology is AAPath's **fully open-access, PubMed-indexed, peer-reviewed journal** and part of the world-class collection of journals and pathology resources published by Elsevier, with visibility to a global audience of academic leaders through Science Direct and Clinical Key. **Academic Pathology's 2024 impact factor increased to 1.3 (from 1.2 in 2023 and 1.0 in 2022) and the journal is now ranked 61 of 90 journals in the Pathology category – one more reason to [submit your manuscript](#) to AAPath's official journal!**



Recently Published Article in Academic Pathology

- **Pathology exposure in Spanish medical schools: a review of forty-one institutions with insights into pathology curriculum for an international approach**, F. Reyes-Albaladejo, et al. Research Article First Published December 1, 2025: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acpath.2025.100228>
- **The doctorate in clinical laboratory sciences: current status and outcomes**, J. Salazar, et al. Research Article First Published December 1, 2025: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acpath.2025.100229>
- **Joining the National Resident Matching Program Fellowship Match: the hematopathology experience**, E. Courville, et al. Brief Report First Published December 12, 2025: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acpath.2025.100230>

NEW in 2026 – Editor-in-Chief's Office Hours!

Scholarly publishing is not just a meaningful way to document and share important observations and research milestones with a global audience; it is often a critical step toward professional advancement and academic promotion. Since its inception in 2014, *Academic Pathology* has focused on filling a unique content niche among journals, while developing the careers of faculty and administrators. By publishing peer-reviewed administrative and educational scholarship and creating a platform for exploring new areas of study, *Academic Pathology* has grown steadily into a worldwide showcase for achievements in academic pathology; now amplified by our publishing relationship with Elsevier – a global leader in advanced information and decision support to accelerate progress in science and healthcare worldwide.

Considering submitting a manuscript, but not sure you have enough data for acceptance? Wondering if your manuscript fits the scope of *Academic Pathology*? Want to talk through an idea for an article? Interested in becoming a reviewer, advisor or editor? Meet with Editor-in-Chief James Crawford, MD, PhD and Executive Editor Priscilla Markwood, each with decades of editorial experience, to discuss anything of interest related to journal publishing.

Save the Dates!

Office Hours will be held at 4:00pm ET, 3:00pm CT, 2:00pm MT, and 1:00pm PT on the dates listed below. Copy and paste/save these Zoom links into your own calendar appointment on these dates and time (4:00pm ET) and just pop in during “office hours”!

Tuesday, February 3rd

<https://apcprods-org.zoom.us/j/89767873732?pwd=0610G5aGY0mSkcymlwz65kYoz9FEgl.1>

Tuesday, June 2nd

<https://apcprods-org.zoom.us/j/81819860166?pwd=T1qQb0KcWAcZyx8nZwxHNLyT8g376a.1>

Tuesday, August 4th

<https://apcprods-org.zoom.us/j/88182121402?pwd=cq4aqbTqmbm5bIDqLxBI24Nib9NSVy.1>

Tuesday, November 3rd

<https://apcprods-org.zoom.us/j/82599079371?pwd=bfTbBeUbqlH1UHMdplbk9wgW2rGT3I.1>

VIRTUAL EVENTS

Upcoming Virtual Events



Monday, January 26th

2:00–3:30pm ET (1:00pm CT/12:00pm MT/11:00am PT)

UMEDS Essentials Program

This program will provide an overview of the UMEDS Section and educator roles, cover key topics such as LCME expectations and the impact of USMLE Step 1 pass/fail, and offer interactive breakout discussions on teaching models, promotion negotiation, and student advising. *Save the Date!*

Registration Coming Soon! For more information visit: www.academicpathology.org/virtual-events.



Tuesday, February 3rd

1:00–2:30pm ET (12:00pm CT/11:00am MT/10:00am PT)

GMEAS Mid-Year Meeting

This meeting will provide an overview of the GMEAS Section and leadership, highlight available resources and upcoming events, address key topics impacting graduate medical education, and offer interactive breakout discussions on MedHub and New Innovations. *Save the Date!* **Registration Coming Soon!** For more information visit: www.academicpathology.org/virtual-events.



Wednesday, February 11th

3:00–4:00pm ET (2:00pm CT/1:00pm MT/12:00pm PT)

Survey Results: Landscape of Promotion and Tenure in Academic Pathology

Dr. Aparna Mahajan (University of Wisconsin) and Dr. Susanne Jeffus (University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences) from the Clinical Service Leaders Committee (CSLC) of the AAPath Practice & Management Committee will be presenting the Promotion and Tenure survey results and will provide an overview of key findings, highlight faculty perceptions of the P&T process and its career impact,

address challenges related to clarity, fairness, protected time, and alignment with daily responsibilities, and foster discussion on implementation barriers, communication strategies, and the need for clearer criteria and tracking systems. **Save the Date! Registration Coming Soon!** For more information visit: www.academicpathology.org/virtual-events.

Past Virtual Events

In case you missed any of the latest virtual events, see the recordings of this past month's AAPath Virtual Events for members only at: www.academicpathology.org/past-virtual-events including:

APEX Brown Bag: Sharing Experiences on Outreach, held on Friday, December 12th, featured a group discussion exploring real-world experiences and approaches to outreach. Members shared insights on outreach structures across academic and health system settings, including subspecialty contracting, joint ventures, billing models, incentives, and operational challenges. The shared experiences highlighted practical lessons learned and strategies for building sustainable outreach programs.

AAPath Hot Topics Webinar Series: Dialing Into Digital Pathology: A Step-by-Step Guide to Securing Approval for Digital Pathology and AI, held on Thursday, December 11th, focused on practical strategies for advancing digital transformation in academic medical centers. The session highlighted approaches to developing strong RFPs, building compelling clinical and business cases, engaging key stakeholders, and navigating IT, compliance, regulatory, and institutional considerations to successfully move digital pathology and AI initiatives from concept to formal approval.

[Click Here to View Past Recordings](#)

SOCIETY OF '67 PROGRAMS



Inspire the Future of Academic Pathology by Donating Today!

As you select your year-end charitable options and throughout the year, consider the **Society of '67 programs** that **CULTIVATE** and **INSPIRE** the next generation of academic pathology leaders! Every contribution invests in the future and legacy of academic pathology. **YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT** ultimately advances and improves health care by fostering the development of academic pathology and future leaders in academic practice, education, and research. Donations this calendar year directly support the Society of '67 programs next year, so consider **DONATING before the end of 2025 – TODAY** – to cultivate and inspire the future leadership of academic pathology. Learn more about Society of '67 programs at www.academicpathology.org/societyof67 and **DONATE TODAY!**

Sponsoring Opportunities:

- Donate at least \$5,000 to be a named sponsor for the **2026 Trainee Project Grants in Health Services Research or Education!** See program information at: www.academicpathology.org/m-s67-grants
- Donate at least \$2,500 to be a named sponsor of a medical student or pathology resident in the **Kinney Scholars Program** to attend the AAPATH 2026 Annual Meeting and experience academic pathology leadership. While a \$2,500 donation provides a named sponsorship, contributions starting at \$500 qualify donors for membership to the Society of '67.

[Click here to learn more about contributing to the Society of '67 or click here to donate today!](#)

Other Programs:

- **The Academic Pathology Executive Section (APEX) Fellowship Program** provides an opportunity for developing the careers of emerging and new pathology administrators (Affiliate APEX Members) to network with the community of administrators at the AAPath Annual Meeting and beyond.
- **Open Access Publication Awards** cover the article processing fee for a research article or educational case published in AAPath's journal, *Academic Pathology*, by a student or trainee. Eligible authors can apply throughout the year.

To cultivate and inspire the future leadership of academic pathology...

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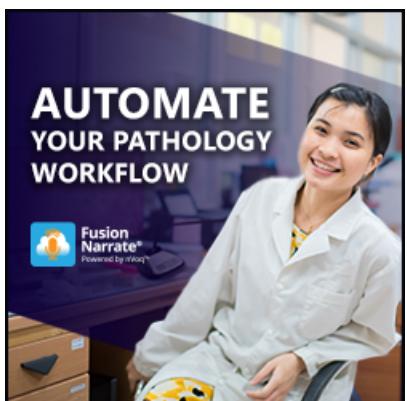
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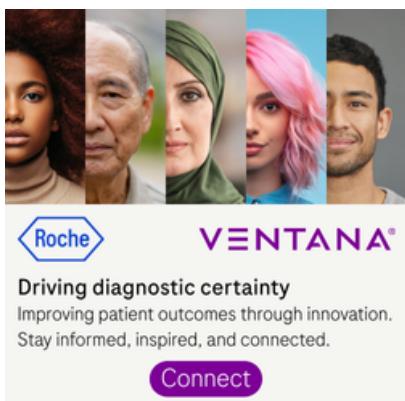
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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Member Directory

Only members in good standing have access to AAPath member resources, including the exclusive online member directory. AAPath's member list is always live and searchable. [Click here to search the directory today!](#)

Member Profile

Each AAPath Member has a profile that allows you to post information and even upload a photo to let others know who you are and what you do! Your member profile is searchable in the AAPath Member Directory. Update your information today by logging in to the [AAPath website](#).

Job Postings

Do you have a job opening at your institution? Members can share openings with their [section listserv](#) network for *free* as a member benefit. Job openings can also be posted directly to the **AAPath Career Center (Job Board)**, which has broad national visibility. **Post or Search for Jobs at:** <https://careers.apcprods.org/>

Listserv Networks

Guidelines: Members are expected to abide by the [AAPath listserv policies](#). For more information on AAPath's listservs, visit the AAPath website at: www.academicpathology.org/m-lists

Best Practice: When sending messages to the listserv, please be sure to include a **short signature line with at least your name, role, institution, and email address** so that other members can reach you directly if needed.

Archives: To view the archive of listserv messages, [log in to your member profile](#) and access the E-lists under My Features.

Membership Updates

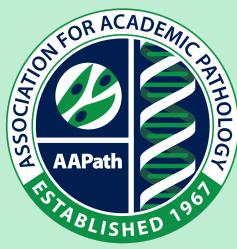
New Members who serve in a role aligned to one of AAPath's membership Sections, i.e., Chairs/Vice Chairs, Executive Administrators, Residency Program Directors, Medical School Educators, or GME Coordinators, should complete a [New Member Inquiry Form](#).

Need to remove a member from your roster? Please submit a [Member Removal Request](#).

Please contact the AAPath office at info@academicpathology.org if you have any questions about AAPath Membership.

Monthly e-News Archive

Find all previous issues of AAPath's Monthly e-News at: www.academicpathology.org/e-news



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