



## **BASL Scientist Representative Role Description**

### **Membership**

The Scientist Representative is elected by the membership to serve for a period of up to three years and may be re-elected once.

The successful candidate should advance fundamental scientific research by fostering robust basic science networks, facilitating national and international collaborations, encouraging laboratory-based research studies, and promoting new approaches to scientific inquiry.

Collaborative working with the Clinical Research Lead is needed to promote the whole spectrum of the research pipeline, from fundamental and translational science through to applied research in clinical practice.

The successful applicant will be expected to attend and contribute to the 1 face-to-face and 3 web-based committee meetings each year, and to the work of the committee for BASL.

The Scientist Representative will be registered at Companies House in the UK as a Director of BASL and registered with the Charities Commission as a Trustee.

### **Roles and responsibilities.**

1. Promote and advance fundamental (Basic) science in liver research by attracting more scientists to this field. Encourage their active participation and membership within the BASL liver community, fostering a vibrant and collaborative environment.
2. Encourage the attendance and active participation of Scientists at the main annual meeting and advise programme manager on speakers and topics.
3. Organise the Basic Science Retreat to showcase the latest advancements in basic liver research, foster networking opportunities, and facilitate discussions on future research directions. This event should highlight cutting-edge discoveries, promote collaboration among scientists, and bridge the gap between basic and clinical research.
4. Advocate for the interests and needs of scientists, ensuring their voices are heard in decision-making processes. Increase the visibility of scientists' contributions to liver research through various media, including publications, presentations, and public outreach. Foster a sense of community among liver researchers by organising networking events, social gatherings, and collaborative projects.
5. Where appropriate, develop research themed specific workshops, and possibly Webinars, Podcasts, and review articles.
6. Develop support groups and mentoring programs to assist career management for scientists and researchers.
7. Encourage the sharing of laboratory-based skills and techniques between centers, allowing short periods in other units to learn new methods and enhance collaboration

with students and staff.

8. Foster an inclusive and collaborative environment within BASL. Encourage less established research units to become involved in scientific liver research and provide support, development, and mentorship for these units in laboratory and translational research activities.
9. Act as a source of external and independent advice to support research teams, offering guidance and expertise to enhance the quality and impact of their scientific work.
10. Assist in judging abstracts, bursaries, and awards such as the Sheila Sherlock & Andy Burroughs awards.
11. Help plan BASL's Annual Meeting and other scientific meetings. Participate in Special Interest Groups (SIGs) where appropriate to ensure comprehensive representation of basic science.

Overarchingly, the successful candidate should promote fundamental research, establish and strengthen basic science networks, facilitate collaboration (both national and international and between research groups), be a point of contact for laboratory based studies, and pioneer innovative approaches to scientific discovery research.

BASL is committed to promoting equality, diversity and inclusion in all aspects of its work. It is actively promoting equal opportunities and access for all our members regardless of their background. We would, therefore, encourage you to consider joining the BASL committee to help to shape the future of BASL and increase our inclusivity/inclusiveness.