# **Become an Integrated Health Fellow of the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery**

# **FASMBS INTEGRATED HEALTH DESIGNATION PROGRAM *Deadline to Apply: December 8, 2023***

# We are happy to announce that the American Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) is accepting applications for the designations of Fellow for ASMBS Integrated Health (IH) members- FASMBS-IH.

# The IH Fellow Designation Program is an elective designation to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the profession of metabolic and bariatric surgery and the ASMBS. Additionally, this designation is to encourage continued ASMBS contributions and engagement by our IH members. Only those recognized by this process will be entitled to use the FASMBS-IH designation. The IH Fellows Designation Program allows this designation to be granted by the FASMBS-IH Review Taskforce, a panel of distinguished ASMBS IH colleagues who evaluate each application individually.

# To ensure your application is complete, ask yourself the following questions:

# Is your membership active?

# Did you fill out your demographics?

# Did you sign the attestation?

# Did you submit your payment?

* + Submit your payment here: <https://asmbs.wufoo.com/forms/asmbs-online-payment-form-integrated-health/>
* Did you upload your complete application?
* Did you upload/submit your CV?

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**FASMBS-IH Application**

**Overview:** Integrated Health Fellows Designation Program

**Purpose:**

* To recognize integrated health individuals who have made a substantial contribution through service and leadership in American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS).
* The Integrated Health (IH) Fellows Designation Program is an elective designation to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the profession of metabolic and bariatric surgery and the American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS). Additionally, this designation is to encourage continued ASMBS contributions and engagement by our IH members. Only those recognized by this process will be entitled to use the FASMBS-IH designation. The IH Fellows Designation Program allows this designation to be granted by the FASMBS-IH Review Taskforce, a panel of distinguished ASMBS IH colleagues who evaluate each application individually.

**Program Goals**

* To acknowledge integrated health professionals who have made significant contributions to ASMBS through service including leadership, organizational structure, and education.
* To recognize integrated health clinicians who have dedicated their professional knowledge and skills to improve the quality and safety of patient care through clinical practice and academic contributions.

**Program Guidance and Management**

* The IH Fellows Designation Program is managed and directed by the FASMBS-IH Review Task Force and further defined under the Integrated Health Executive Council (IHEC).
* IH members must hold a FASMBS-IH designation to be appointed by the IHEC to the FASMBS-IH Review Task Force.
* The FASMBS-IH Review Task Force will consist of 5 members, including 1 integrated health member from each of the 4 major disciplines (nutrition, behavioral health, nursing, advanced practice) and 1 ASMBS staff colleague.
* The FASMBS-IH Review Task Force term is 2 years.
  + Members may serve 2 consecutive terms as approved by the IHEC.
  + Members may serve on the task force multiples times as approved by the IHEC.
* The FASMBS-IH Review Task Force will review the applications and determine the eligibility of each applicant for FASMBS-IH designation.
  + Applicants must meet all the minimum requirements listed on the application in addition to the following criteria that demonstrates ASMBS service and leadership:
    - Applicants must have contributions in at least 2 categories listed on the application. (Appendix A)
  + Applicants must have completed at least 1 leadership and 2 distinct service roles as defined on the application. (Appendix A)
  + The FASMBS-IH Review Taskforce will review each application based on the requirements outlined on the initial application. (Appendix A)
* The ASMBS administrative staff will assist with implementation and management of the program.

**Eligibility:**

To be considered for the elective FASMBS-IH designation the applicant must:

* Be an ASMBS Regular Associate member in good standing according to the bylaws for at least 5 years (can be non-consecutive years), and
* Complete the detailed FASMBS-IH application. (Appendix A)

**Renewal:**

FASMBS-IH designation may be renewed for additional 3-year terms contingent on completing the renewal form and submitting the renewal fee. (Appendix B)

**Limitations:**

FASMBS-IH Review Task Force reserves the right to offer the FASMBS IH designation to only those applicants who meet the criteria and conditions specified by the FASMBS-IH Review Task Force.

* A FASMBS-IH member must retain an active ASMBS membership.
* If an IH ASMBS membership lapses and is not reinstated within 180 days as consistent with the bylaws, the FASMBS-IH designation may no longer be used.
* If an IH ASMBS membership is reinstated, the IH member must reapply for the fellow designation and pay the application fee.
* Members who are or were designated fellows at the time of their retirement may apply to the FASBMS-IH Review Task Force for designation as a Senior Fellow in accordance with the ASMBS Bylaws; no renewal fee will be collected once Senior status is achieved.
* Military IH members who have been deployed to active duty may request special consideration for prorated conference attendance and CME/CEU requirements.

**Application Requirements**

**Required Information:**

* Applicants will complete the online application and submit their CV.
* Additional required information should be submitted (via pdf) with the application online or in another format specified by the ASMBS staff.
* Appendix A is the FASMBS-IH application form for service and leadership contributions.

**APPLICANTS WILL CONFIRM THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS BY SIGNING THE APPLICATION:**

* The information on the application will be held in confidence.
* Review of the application will be based only upon the information contained in the written application and verifiable by supporting sources.
* The applicant may not approach any FASMBS-IH Review Taskforce concerning their application during or after FASMBS-IH Review Taskforce deliberations.
* The applicant has not been convicted or under prosecution for illegal activity or dismissed by an employer for illegal or unethical behavior.
* The applicant agrees to abide by the ASMBS Code of Ethics.
* Notice of the FASMBS-IH Review Taskforce’s decision will be provided in writing by the FASMBS-IH Review Taskforce or ASMBS administrative staff.
* Queries about the application process may be directed to ASMBS administrative staff.
* The FASMBS-IH Review Taskforce’s decision is final. The applicant may reapply to the FASMBS-IH program when the service and leadership requirement(s) have been sufficiently documented. Resubmitted applications may qualify for a discount of 25% off the original fee. This is a one-time offer and will extend only through the next application cycle.

**Application Fee:**

A nonrefundable fee of $100 must be submitted with the initial and the 3-year renewal application.

**Application Timeline:**

* Applications Open Window: October 25, 2023, to December 8, 2023
* Taskforce Review Window: December 8, 2023, to February 15, 2024
* Notification Date: February 19, 2024
* Recognition: Annual ASMBS meeting at the Integrated Health Keynote Speaker and Presidential Address

**Application Processing:** ASMBS Administrative Staff

* The ASMBS administrative staff will provide all necessary administrative support to the FASMBS-IH Review Taskforce throughout the application and selection process, including:
* Receive and log applications
* Screen applications for completeness
* Verify current membership status and number of years as a member
* Return incomplete applications to the applicants
* Forward applications to the FASMBS-IH Review Taskforce
* Organize and participate in the FASMBS-IH Review Taskforce process (i.e., schedule calls)
* Assist the FASMBS-IH Review Taskforce in notifying applicants of the FASMBS-IH Review Taskforce’s decision
* Have designation documentation and pins prepared
* Record fellows’ information in the member database
* Coordinate successful applicant attendance at the ASMBS annual conference to be recognized
* Maintain confidentiality of all information

**Application**

To apply for the Integrated Health Fellowship Designation,

fill out the entire form and submit the required documents.

**Applicant Name:**

**ASMBS Member Number:**

**Email:**

**Demographic Information**

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| **Race/Ethnicity**  White  Hispanic or Latino or Spanish of any Race  Mexican  Puerto Rican  Cuban  Other Caribbean  Central American  South American  Spaniard  Black or African American  American Indian or Alaskan Native  Asian  Chinese  Filipino  Asian Indian  Vietnamese  Korean  Japanese  Other Asian (i.e., Pakistani, Cambodian & Hmong  Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander  Some other Race  Prefer not to answer |  |  | **Gender**  Female  Male  Non-binary/Third Gender  Prefer to self-describe  Prefer not to answer  Transgender |  |

**Required Documents**

**ASMBS Conference or Other ASMBS education that provides CME or CEU hours.** *Initial applications are required to document a minimum of 25 ASMBS CME/CEU hours in the last 5 years.*

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| **ASMBS Conference or Other ASMBS Education** | **CME/CEU** |
| **Example:** ASMBS 2022 Annual Meeting June 5-9, Dallas, TX | 25 CME |
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**Required Documents**

**ASMBS Committee Contributions:\*** Please list any service and/or leadership contributions by stating your committee(s), role(s) and years of service. Please refer to asmbs.org for a complete list of committee opportunities.

**Category Instructions:** Please fill out the following form describing your ASMBS service\* and/or leadership\* contributions. Applicants must have completed ***at least 1 leadership* *and 2 distinct service roles.*** Applicants must have contributions in ***at least 2 categories***. If you have further questions, please contact the ASMBS administrative office.

Please see the definitions section for explanation of leadership and service contributions.

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| **Leadership Contributions** | **Service Contributions** |
| **Example:** 2014-2019 Program Committee Chair | **Example:** 2014-2019 Program Committee Member |
| **Example:** 2020-2022 Membership Committee Co-Chair | **Example:** 2020-2023 Compensation Survey Task Force Member |
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**Required Documents**

***ASMBS Conference Contributions:*** Please describe any specific ASMBS conference participation including your role, title, of presentation or abstract, conference, year of service. Presenters must have developed the **original** content of their presentation, oral abstract or poster to receive credit.

**Category Instructions:** Please fill out the following form describing your ASMBS service\* and/or leadership\* contributions. Applicants must have completed ***at least 1 leadership* *and 2 distinct service roles.*** Applicants must have contributions in ***at least 2 categories***. If you have further questions, please contact the ASMBS administrative office.

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| **Leadership Contributions** | | | |
| **Role** | **Title of Presentation or Abstract/Course** | **Conference** | **Year of Service** |
| *Course Co-Chair* | *MD/IH Obesity After Surgery* | *ASMBS Weekend* | *2022* |
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| **Service Contributions** | | | |
| **Role** | **Title of Presentation or Abstract/Course** | **Conference** | **Year of Service** |
| *Speaker* | *CO-Morbid Conditions* | *Annual Meeting* | *2023* |
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**Required Documents**

**Published Contributions:** Please cite contributions of ASMBS guidelines, consensus statements, position papers, systematic reviews, and standard research manuscripts\* published on ASMBS.org and/or in Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases (SOARD).

**Category Instructions:** Please fill out the following form describing your ASMBS service\* and/or leadership\* contributions. Applicants must have completed ***at least 1 leadership* *and 2 distinct service roles.*** Applicants must have contributions in ***at least 2 categories***. If you have further questions, please contact the ASMBS administrative office.

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| **Leadership Contributions** | |
| **Citation** | **Contribution Type & Role** |
| ***Benson-Davies S****, Rogers AM, Huberman W, Sann N, Gourash WF, Flanders K, Ren-Fielding C. American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery consensus statement on laparoscopic adjustable gastric band management. Surg Obes Relat Dis. 2022 Sep;18(9):1120-1133* | *Consensus Statement*  ***Lead Author*** |
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**Required Documents**

**Additional ASMBS Recognitions & Contributions:**Please describe and list any specific ASMBS service, leadership and/or advocacy contributions including the title, year, and an explanation of each activity on your CV/resume.

**Category Instructions:** Please fill out the following form describing your ASMBS service\* and/or leadership\* contributions. Applicants must have completed ***at least 1 leadership* *and 2 distinct service roles.*** Applicants must have contributions in ***at least 2 categories***. If you have further questions, please contact the ASMBS administrative office.

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| **Leadership Contributions** | | | |
| **Type of Service** | **Title/Role** | **Year** | **Explanation** |
| *Award* | *Circle of Excellence* | *2023* | *Received 2023 IH Circle of Excellence Award* |
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| **Service Contributions** | | | |
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| *Peer Reviewer* | *Abstract Reviewer* | *2023* | *Reviewed five (5) abstracts for SOARD* |
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**Attestation and Signature**

**Applicant will confirm their understanding of the following statements by checking each statement and signing the application:**

The information on the application will be held in confidence

Review of the application will be based only upon the information contained in the written application and verifiable by supporting sources.

The applicant may not approach any FASMBS-IH Review Taskforce concerning their application during or after FASMBS-IH Review Taskforce deliberations

The applicant has not been convicted or under prosecution for illegal activity or dismissed by an employer for illegal or unethical behavior.

The applicant agrees to abide by the ASMBS Code of Ethics.

Notice of the FASMBS-IH Review Taskforce’s decision will be provided in writing by the FASMBS-IH Review Taskforce or ASMBS administrative staff.

Queries about the application process may be directed to ASMBS administrative staff.

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Signature (Type or Place Your digital Signature):

Date:

**SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETE APPLICATION & CV TO JENNIFER WYNN**

**jennifer@asmbs.org**

**Definitions\***

**APPLICATION FEE:** For the purposes of the FASMBS-IH, a $100 application fee will be required for the initial application and for each subsequent 3-year cycle renewal application.

**ASMBS CME/CEU HOURS:** For the purposes of the FASMBS-IH, ASMBS CME/CEU hours will include ASMBS conferences, ASMBS online CBN review course, SOARD CME, ASMBS webinars, ASMBS/IFSO webinars, and state chapter educational activities, if CME and/or CEU credit is available and approved under ASMBS specifications.

**ASMBS COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTIONS:** For the purposes of the FASMBS-IH, ASMBS committee contributions will include the ASMBS Foundation, ASMBS appointments, committees, subcommittees, task force and work group participation.

**CURRICULUM VITAE OR RESUME:** For the purposes of the FASMBS-IH, ASMBS committee contributions will include the ASMBS Foundation, ASMBS appointments, committees, subcommittees, task force and work group participation.

**LEADERSHIP:** For the purposes of the FASMBS-IH, leadership will be defined as those activities that provide guidance, influence or direction to a committee, group or individual within ASMBS. Leadership will include such activities as:

* Chair or co-chair of a committee,
* State chapter elected or appointed leadership roles,
* Director or co-director of a course requiring 3.5 hours or more of course content,
* Lead author of guidelines/consensus statements/position papers, standard research manuscripts in SOARD, and
* Leadership and member-at-large positions within IHEC.

**SERVICE:** • Service: For the purposes of the FASMBS-IH, service will be defined as those activities that help or support the mission of the ASMBS. These activities will include:

* Committee participation as a member beyond a single 2-year term,
* Work group and task force participation,
* Contributions to education and research,
  + Director or co-director of a course requiring less than 3.5 hours of course content,
  + Invited speaker - original podium presentation,
  + Abstract oral presenter,
  + Poster abstract lead author,
  + Co-author of guidelines/consensus statements/position papers, and standard research manuscripts in SOARD.

**MISSION OF THE ASMBS:** The mission of the society is to advance the art and science of metabolic and bariatric surgery by continually improving the quality and safety of care and treatment of people with obesity and related diseases by:

* Advancing the science and understanding of metabolic and bariatric surgery,
* Fostering communication between health professionals on obesity and related conditions,
* Being the recognized authority and resource on metabolic and bariatric surgery,
* Advocating for healthcare policy that ensures patient access to high-quality prevention and treatment of the disease of obesity, and
* Serving the educational and professional needs of a diverse membership.

**ASMBS CODE OF ETHICS:**

* Disseminate truthful and accurate information.
* Reframe from false, deceptive, inaccurate, or misleading information.
* Reframe from inappropriate data collection and/or analysis with reporting of results by presentation at scientific meetings or publication in peer-reviewed literature.
* Present or repeat inaccurate and unjustified expectations including misrepresentation of statements, testimonials, or other means of information that cannot be substantiated.