Where we have been

Since its inception in 1908, the American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) has evolved into a multi-faceted organization that ensures credible and quality research is disseminated internally and externally, provides program accreditation, career resources, networking opportunities, and much more.

To enhance ASAS, the ASAS Foundation was established in 1997 as the philanthropic branch of ASAS. The ASAS Foundation provides student travel scholarships, sponsors sectional, national, and international awards, funds excellence in programming with renowned lectureships and symposia, supports agriculture science interns in D.C. and programming for youth to encourage careers in animal science, and more!

The ASAS Foundation and ASAS rely on the generosity of our members’ charitable contributions to make this possible.

Where we are going

The ASAS Foundation is adapting to current and future needs to provide enhanced and increased benefits for ASAS members. Consequently, we are expanding opportunities for our members to support their “home society.” Specifically, the new **1908 Society** allows members to establish a personal legacy gift that will benefit ASAS members for generations to come.

“ASAS becomes part of the fabric of our professional lives. For many of us, it began with involvement as students and continued into our professional careers. Creating your legacy with the ASAS Foundation is a meaningful way to give back, honor those who have made an impact on us, and provide resources for even better programming and opportunities for animal scientists going forward.”

— Greg Lardy, Ph.D.
Vice President for Agricultural Affairs
North Dakota State University
With your support as a **1908 Society** partner, together, we **hope**:

- To **ensure** every graduate student and young animal scientist that wants to attend an ASAS-supported meeting can attend.

- To **increase** the number of members we recognize, honor, and celebrate with prestigious awards.

- To **expand** and **enhance** excellence in programming at sectional, annual, and international meetings with distinguished lectureships and renowned symposia.

- To **sustain** a pipeline of future animal scientists as we encourage our youth to explore animal science education through access to Jr. Animal Scientist, student competitions, and internships.

- To be a **diverse community** of professionals recognized as the leading source of new knowledge and perspective on animals that enhance human life and well-being.

- To **change** the lives of current and future animal scientists.

Join us as a Founding Donor* to the **1908 Society** and be part of making this **hope** a reality!

Become a **1908 Society** partner by establishing your own **Named Endowed Fund** or by adding your name to an Advancement Fund or another ASAS Foundation fund of your choice. Both options are visionary and generous acts that will help preserve the ASAS mission well into the future while creating your own legacy.

**Named Endowed Fund**

**Named Endowed Funds** are for you, the donor, to design a legacy gift. The ASAS Foundation will work with you to imagine, draft, and establish your own fund, which may ensure support for graduate student travel scholarships, student competitions, interns, distinguished lectures, renowned symposia, or prominent awards or we will work with you to explore ideas that more closely align with your individual passion and goals.

Individual-, family-, honorarium-, and in memoriam-named funds require a minimum contribution commitment of $50,000. The fund will become active upon reaching $25,000, allowing you to experience the benefit that your generosity provides. The gift commitment can be an outright gift or multi-year pledge, a bequest in a will or trust, life-income gifts, designating ASAS as a beneficiary of an IRA-qualified retirement plan, or a combination of these and other options.

Corporate-named require a minimum contribution commitment of $50,000 which can be an outright gift or a multi-year pledge (not to exceed five years).

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“I would like to thank the generous supporters of the ASAS Foundation for providing me with a unique opportunity to attend the 19th International Congress on Animal Reproduction (ICAR) during my doctoral program. ICAR gathers scientists from all around the globe in the field of reproductive physiology, and it is only held every four years; therefore, it was a great opportunity to network and present my research.”

— Felipe Alves Corrêa Carvalho da Silva  
Graduate Research Assistant  
Department of Animal Sciences, University of Florida
"My membership in ASAS was instrumental in developing my professional career in swine nutrition. I support the ASAS Foundation to ensure the next generation of animal scientists have these opportunities as well and so the current animal science community has a venue for the exchange of scientific knowledge and ideas."

— Ellen Davis, Ph.D
Swine Technical Service Manager
Arm & Hammer Animal and Food Production

Legacy Naming Opportunities

Historically, the Legacy Fund has been the financial source to support many of ASAS Foundation’s highest priorities and to supplement existing foundation funds. As we look to the future, the Legacy Fund will be diversified into three Advancement Funds.

As a 1908 Society partner, you choose the Advancement Fund or other ASAS Foundation fund that most closely aligns with your philanthropic passion while supporting our animal science members. Your individual-, family-, honorarium-, and in memoriam-named will be recognized in perpetuity for making these funds possible!

- **Legacy Fund.** This fund is dedicated to supporting our highest priorities, which include but are not limited to, the Jr. Animal Scientists program, Animal Frontiers, supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion work, supplementing other funds as needed, supporting the National Meeting, and foundation management of these initiatives.

- **Student and Young Animal Scientists Opportunities Fund.** This fund is dedicated to our graduate students and young animal scientists, ensuring our commitment to their current and future success. Support will include, but is not limited to, student travel scholarships, student competitions, graduate student achievement awards, D.C. agriculture interns, and foundation management of these initiatives.

- **Excellence in Animal Science Advancement Fund.** This fund is committed to enhancing and expanding excellence in animal science programming and increasing the number of members recognized for their transformational work in animal science. Support will include, but is not limited to, increasing the number of ASAS members recognized through an award for their transformational work, securing distinguished lectures and renowned symposia for sectional, annual, and international meetings, and foundation management of these initiatives.

Individual-, family-, honorarium-, and in memoriam-named commitments to an Advancement Fund or another ASAS Foundation fund require a minimum contribution commitment of $25,000. The gift commitment may be an outright gift or multi-year pledge, a bequest in a will or trust, life-income gifts, designating ASAS as a beneficiary of an IRA-qualified retirement plan, or a combination of these and other options.

“Since joining ASAS as a graduate student, what began as a means to present papers, network with colleagues, and have career opportunities has become my core group of lifelong friends. As I sit here in retirement and reflect on this, I proudly say ASAS is my ‘home society.’ Please join me, as a Founding Donor with the 1908 Society and let’s work together to ensure that the generations after us have these same experiences and opportunities, share similar stories, and carry on with the pride we all have when we think of all that being an ASAS member means to us.”

— Dwight Armstrong
**EXAMPLES OF FUNDING OPTIONS**

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**Legacy Naming Opportunities**

*1908 Society* partners with gift commitments established prior to December 31, 2025, will be recognized as a Founding Donor.

**Naming of endowed and non-endowed funds may be made through planned gifts; however, the naming will not take effect until the planned gift has been realized. In determining whether a planned gift amount meets certain minimum levels of funding, a gift will qualify if the value of the gift exceeds the minimum required levels in effect at the time that the donor documents with ASAS that a planned gift has been created.

If you are interested in establishing a *Named Endowed Fund* or a *Legacy Naming* to an ASAS Foundation fund, please contact Amy Brainard, Senior Director of Development, at amyb@asas.org or (217)729-7600. Want to start your fund today? Ask Amy about options!