The American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology welcomes nominations (including self-nominations) for the position of Editor-in-Chief of The Journal of Biological Chemistry. The JBC publishes papers based on original research that are judged to make a novel and important contribution to understanding the molecular and cellular basis of biological processes. The Editor-in-Chief advocates in the interests of both contributors and readers by ensuring that the JBC offers fair, prompt and thorough reviews, responsible editorial adjudication and thoughtful suggestions for revision and clarification.

Candidates should have demonstrated success in research in one of the fields about which the JBC publishes and should possess:

• A broad, general knowledge of biological chemistry
• A commitment to publishing the very best science
• The ability to recruit outstanding scientists to serve as contributors, Associate Editors and Editorial Board members
• A willingness to provide sustained and consistent editorial direction

A candidate should have an active scientific research laboratory and a broad knowledge of biological chemistry. He or she should have demonstrated communication, leadership and coalition-building skills and scientific editorial experience.

Responsibilities of the Editor-in-Chief include:

• Overseeing the peer-review process, editorial direction and journal mission
• Working with ASBMB leadership to develop strategic direction and vision for the future of the JBC
• Overseeing the selection of highlighted papers and short review topics
• Reporting semi-annually to the ASBMB Council and Finance and Publication Committees about the state of the journal and pending developments
• Assisting the ASBMB Publications Committee and Council in setting policy related to journal operations
• Leading meetings of the JBC Editorial Board members and Associate Editors

The Editor-in-Chief will be appointed to a five-year term, with the possibility of reappointment, formally beginning in January 2011. A staff support network is available, and a stipend is provided.

Nominations will be reviewed by a search committee appointed by the President of ASBMB. Each nomination should include a summary of the candidate’s career and research interests. If self-nominating, the candidate should include a statement about his or her approach to leading the JBC.

Nominations should be sent electronically by November 1, 2010 to the ASBMB Editor-in-Chief Search Committee c/o ASBMB Publications Director Nancy Rodnan: nrodnan@asbmb.org