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Building a Sustainable Ecosystem for Scientist
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I. Introduction: From Founding Year to System Building Phase

Entering 2026, the American Association for Scientist Entrepreneurship (AASE) officially enters its second phase of development since its founding. Unlike 2025, which focused on foundational exploration, knowledge building, and relationship development, AASE in 2026 will place greater emphasis on the systematic development of organizational capabilities, clarifying its work direction, and the continuous implementation of its public mission. Against the backdrop of a constantly changing global technological innovation environment, the commercialization of research findings and scientist entrepreneurship are increasingly becoming important factors influencing national innovation capabilities and the quality of social development. As a non-profit organization in the United States, AASE's role is not to replace the market or directly participate in commercial competition, but rather to assume a long-term, stable, and public-oriented connecting and supporting function between the US research system and the industrial system. The work in 2026 will revolve around this core positioning.

II. AASE's Mission and Long-Term Responsibilities

The original intention of AASE's founding was to address a problem that is widespread globally but has long lacked systematic support: many scientists possess profound professional capabilities and original research findings, but often face structural obstacles and information asymmetry when transitioning to social applications and entrepreneurial practices. As a non-profit organization in the

United States, AASE is not driven by short-term results or economic returns, but rather emphasizes public value, long-term support, and ecosystem building. The association's long-term mission is to promote the formation of a healthier and more sustainable environment for scientist entrepreneurship by continuously integrating social resources, promoting rational communication and knowledge accumulation, and enabling scientific innovation to better serve social and economic development while respecting scientific principles.

III. Overall Work Objectives and Principles for 2026

In 2026, AASE's overall work objectives can be summarized in three keywords: consolidation, connection, and accumulation.

1. Consolidation: Strengthening the organizational foundation, governance structure, and working methods to ensure the long-term protection of its non-profit nature and public mission.
2. Connection: Connecting scientists, research institutions, industrial ecosystems, and public resources to reduce information barriers and structural gaps.
3. Accumulation: Accumulating public knowledge, experience, and trust that can be used long-term, laying the foundation for future development.

In terms of working principles, AASE will continue to adhere to independence, non-profit status, openness, and long-term perspective, avoiding short-term project-based or commercial-oriented approaches that could interfere with the association's mission.

IV. Organizational Development and Improvement of Governance System

1. Clarification of Organizational Structure

In 2026, AASE will further clarify its internal organizational structure and functional divisions, gradually forming a stable operating system. Through institutionalized process design, the transparency and continuity of organizational operations will be improved, ensuring that the association can maintain stable operation even with personnel changes or external environmental fluctuations.

2. Governance and Compliance Construction

As a non-profit organization, AASE will continue to prioritize governance standards and compliance requirements, ensuring that the association's operations comply with relevant laws and regulations and the ethical standards of public organizations. This is not only a legal requirement but also the foundation for the association to gain social trust and carry out long-term work.

V. Research and Public Knowledge Building

1. Systematic Research on Scientist Entrepreneurship and Technology Transfer Issues

In 2026, AASE will continue to conduct systematic research on scientist entrepreneurship and the commercialization of research findings, focusing on common challenges faced in the practical application of life sciences, medicine, and health technologies. Research methods will include special reports, case

studies, and long-term observational summaries, emphasizing reusability and public reference value.

2. Public Content and Rational Communication

AASE will promote a more rational and comprehensive understanding of scientist entrepreneurship by continuously publishing articles, reports, and opinion pieces.

The association emphasizes a balanced presentation of both successful experiences and lessons learned from failures, avoiding misleading narratives of solely successful cases for researchers.

VI. Scientist Community and Communication Network Building

1. Deepening the Scientist Exchange Platform

In 2026, AASE plans to further deepen the construction of its scientist exchange network, promoting long-term interaction among researchers from different disciplines and at different stages of their careers. The association focuses on sharing experiences, discussing pathways, and building value consensus, rather than short-term projects or commercial collaborations.

2. Cross-Sector Dialogue and Understanding

Through organizing rational dialogues and thematic discussions, AASE will promote mutual understanding between scientists and participants from different fields such as industry, investment, and policy, reducing communication barriers caused by differences in logic and objectives.

VII. Ecosystem Connectivity and External Collaboration

1. Communication with Research Institutions and Incubation Platforms

In 2026, AASE will strengthen its communication with US universities, research institutions, and innovation platforms, focusing on their practical operational methods in supporting research commercialization, and exploring the complementary role that non-profit organizations can play.

2. Collaboration with Non-profit and Public Institutions

AASE will also actively maintain communication with other US non-profit organizations, foundations, and public sectors to promote the exchange of experiences in public research, policy discussions, and long-term support mechanisms.

VIII. Non-profit Nature and Boundary Awareness

In its work in 2026, AASE will continue to clearly define its boundaries, avoiding direct involvement in commercial decision-making or project profit distribution. The association's value lies not in replacing the market, but in providing rational analysis, information support, and long-term companionship, creating a better external environment for scientists' entrepreneurship.

IX. Capacity Building and Long-Term Accumulation

AASE will consider 2026 a crucial year for capacity building, continuously enhancing the organization's professionalism and credibility in public affairs

through institutional improvement, knowledge accumulation, and social communication. This capacity is not reflected in scale expansion, but in long-term stable output and social recognition.

X. A Continuous Vision for the Future

The work in 2026 is not the end point, but an important step in AASE's long-term mission. By consolidating its foundation, developing methodologies, and building trust during this year, AASE hopes to create conditions for more in-depth public services and ecological development in the future. The association believes that scientist entrepreneurship is not a fleeting trend, but a long-term endeavor requiring patience, institutional support, and a public-spirited approach. AASE will, with the responsibility and restraint of a non-profit organization, continuously accompany scientists through the complex path from scientific exploration to social application, contributing stable and rational strength to the long-term development of innovation, society, and the economy.

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