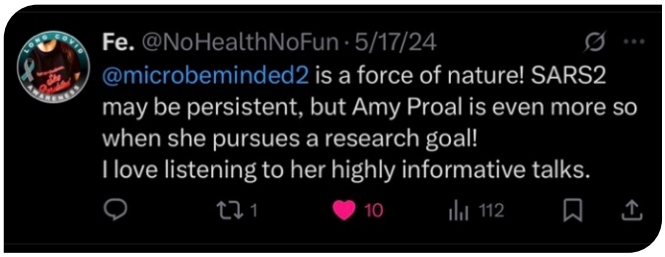
POLYBIO PERSISTERS PROGRAM

RELENTLESS SCIENCE AND NO SHORTCUTS

The pathogens we study—SARS-CoV-2, *Borrelia*, the herpesviruses, and others—are defined by one trait: they can persist. They can evade clearance, remain hidden in patient tissue, and contribute to driving the chronic conditions our team works every day to understand and treat.



If these infections can persist, we have to persist even more. If they hide, we have to look even harder. If they disrupt health we need to build the infrastructure to override their effects.

Our PolyBio team continuously pushes to map how these pathogens and their consequences endure, uncovering the mechanisms behind Long COVID and other infection-associated chronic illnesses, and building the scientific networks required to turn those insights into action.

That level of persistence demands stability. To exceed the endurance of the pathogens we study, we've created PolyBio Persisters—a donor loyalty program for supporters who commit to supporting our mission over three years.

Why We Need Persisters

The PolyBio Persisters program gives us the sustained foundation to do what we do best: drive collaboration, accelerate discovery, and stay one step ahead of the infections we're fighting. With committed supporters, we ensure the world's leading researchers can maximize progress.

Join as a PolyBio Persister

Donors in this program make a **three-year commitment** to sustain the momentum of discovery. Each Persister tier is inspired by a key immune cell that helps the body fight infection:

NEUTROPHIL
TIER 1
$500-$999
/YEAR

MONOCYTE
TIER 2
$1,000-$4,999
/YEAR

MACROPHAGE
TIER 3
$5,000-$9,999
/YEAR

NATURAL KILLER
TIER 4
$10,000-$49,999
/YEAR

B CELL
TIER 5
$50,000-$99,999
/YEAR

T CELL
LEADERSHIP TIER
$100,000+
/YEAR

POLYBIO PERSISTERS FUEL INNOVATION

Your gift enables PolyBio to expand the speed and scale of scientific discovery by:

DEFINING THE RESEARCH AGENDA

Our scientific team leads the development of review articles that outline key treatment and diagnostic pathways for chronic diseases for chronic infection-associated diseases—such as our Lancet Infectious Diseases paper on targeting SARS-CoV-2 reservoirs in Long COVID and our newest work exploring how infections drive aging.

SOURCING BREAKTHROUGH SCIENTIFIC OPPORTUNITIES

PolyBio's founders and Scientific Advisory Board identify high-potential research and connect teams with patient samples, partners, and funding—powering hundreds of meetings that accelerate transformative ideas across neuroscience, immunology, virology, and the microbiome.

ACCELERATING COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

We coordinate the Long COVID Research Consortium and manage cross-disciplinary partnerships with Harvard, Yale, UCSF, Mount Sinai, and the J. Craig Venter Institute. Persister support keeps projects on track.

SHARING INSIGHTS TO ACCELERATE DISCOVERY

Your investment fuels open-data platforms, specimen sharing, and biannual symposia that make discoveries immediately accessible—speeding progress for patients and clinicians alike.

PIONEERING SCALABLE SCIENCE-TO-IMPACT MODELS

We're building venture-philanthropy frameworks to bridge the gap between the lab and the clinic, turning discoveries into real diagnostics and treatments.

MAXIMIZING IMPACT THROUGH PRO BONO PARTNERSHIPS

Pro bono expertise from partners like JPMorgan's Atwood Group, Public Purpose Strategies, and Gordon Brothers stretches every philanthropic dollar for maximum scientific return.

PERSIST WITH US

Science advances through persistence - and through people who refuse to give up. Join the **PolyBio Persisters** and help us build a future where chronic infection and other root cause drivers of infection-associated chronic disease no longer defines lives.

BECOME A PERSISTER TODAY

Contact Amy Proal at aproal@polybio.org to make your commitment to sustaining discovery and accelerating cures.

ABOUT POLYBIO:

PolyBio Research Foundation is fast-tracking biomedical research and treatment trials to accelerate breakthroughs in Long COVID, ME/CFS, tick-borne/vector-borne illness, Alzheimer's, neuropsychiatric illnesses, and endometriosis, and related complex infection-associated chronic conditions. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit, founded by scientists who integrate neuroscience, microbiology, and systems biology to pursue root-cause drivers of disease. Our innovative model breaks down research silos by creating collaborative teams around interdisciplinary ideas — not just single labs or isolated hypotheses. In a field where siloed science has stalled progress, PolyBio connects the right people and data across disciplines to fast-track diagnostics, treatments, and ultimately cures. We're not just advancing research — we're transforming how it's done.