

The National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChE) mission is “to build an eminent cadre of people of color in science and technology.”

The UI Chemistry Department encourages participation at and provides travel awards to the annual NOBCChE conference for networking and professional development.

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Out in Chemistry (OIC) is a student group that promotes and advocates for the interests of the LGBTQ+ members of the UIUC chemistry department by organizing activities for community development, providing support for students, and showcasing positive role models in the scientific community. All LGBTQ+ and allied graduate students and postdocs are welcome to participate in our public events! Contact OIC at outinchemuiuc@gmail.com for more information.

The Out in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics at Illinois (OSTEM@Illinois) is a student organization at the University of Illinois, in Urbana-Champaign, dedicated to the development of LGBTQIA+ students in STEM fields. oSTEM hosts a multitude of events that work to further LGBTQIA+ students in their educational and professional careers.

Email: ostem.illinois@gmail.com

The SACNAS: Society for the Advancement of Hispanics/Chicanos & Native Americans In Science - UI Chapter (UI-SACNAS) strive to fulfill the mission of SACNAS to increase the diversity of the scientific community by mentoring and sharing science at all levels of education. They meet monthly for career and professional development, networking and outreach activities and was honored with the “2015 Graduate Chapter of the Year Award.”

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UI Women Chemists Committee - The American Chemical Society East Central Illinois Chapter (UI-WCC) aims to attract, develop and promote women in the chemical sciences. With the support from the UI Department of Chemistry and local ACS chapter, the WCC plans events that include professional, social, and

outreach opportunities that benefit graduate students, faculty, staff, undergraduates and middle school girls.

Email: uiuc.wcc@gmail.com

Younger Chemists Committee - The American Chemical Society East Central Illinois Chapter (YCC) advocates for and provides resources to students, early-career chemists and professionals in the chemical sciences and related fields.

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Department of Chemistry

Graduate Students Resources



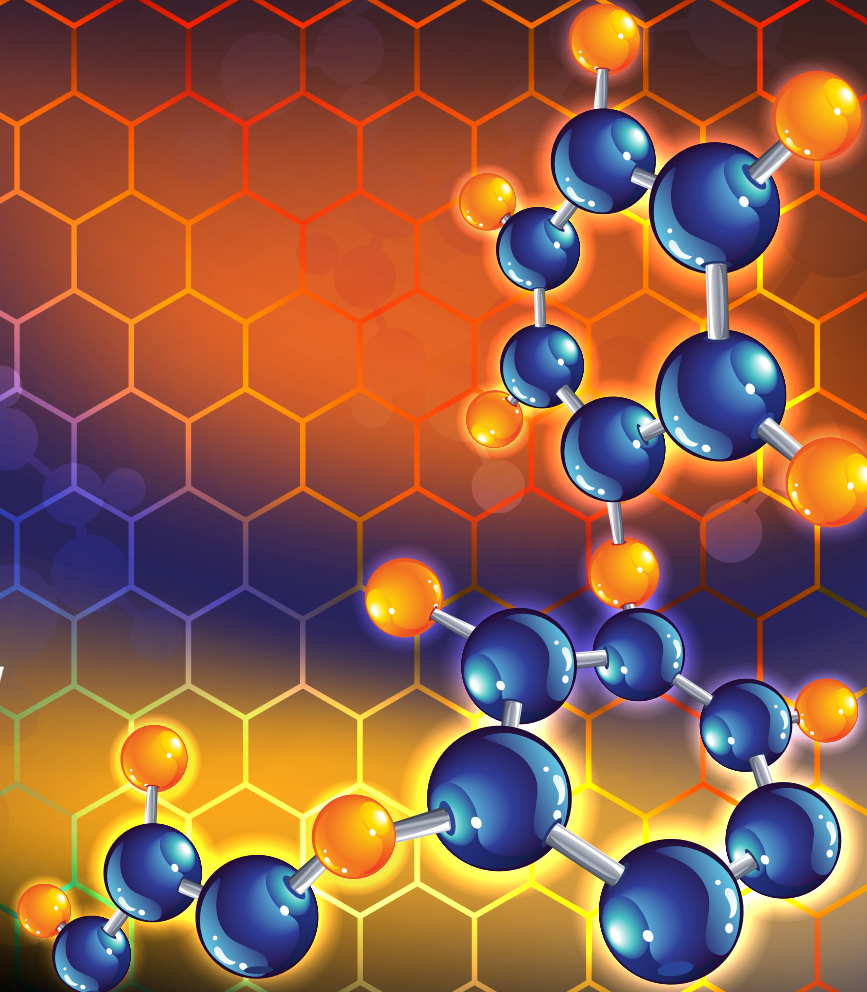
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Campus Resources and Opportunities for Chemistry Graduate Students at the University of Illinois

CAMPUS RESOURCES

The Graduate College provides campus-wide leadership for the advancement of graduate education; promotes excellence, integrity, and equity in all graduate programs; and serves the scholarly and professional needs of prospective and current graduate students from recruitment and admission through graduation. The Graduate College provides a wide array of resources, services, and other forms of support to help graduate students succeed. Click [here](#) for more information about graduate life at Illinois, student affairs, disability services, equity programs, fellowships and career services.

The School of Chemical Sciences Career Counseling and Placement Services Office is dedicated to serving all students and post-docs in the UI Departments of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering & Biomolecular Engineering. The objective of the Career Services office is to provide guidance, resources, and opportunities to School of Chemical Sciences job seekers to help them achieve their career aspirations relevant to their academic interests and to facilitate and support connections between employers and those job seekers.

Students may meet individually or participate in workshops on topics that include choosing a career direction, academic and industrial job searching, résumés/CVs & cover letters, interviewing (including mock interviews) and negotiation. Jobseekers are also encouraged to take advantage of the [Handshake @ Illinois](#) recruiting system to post their résumés, interview and search for jobs. Visit the SCS Career Services [website](#) for more information.
Email: careers@scs.illinois.edu

The Chemistry Graduate Student Services Office is staffed by a Coordinator and supported by the Director of Graduate Studies, who assist current chemistry graduate students with all aspects of graduate student life at the university. Often the first point of contact for student inquiries, the office handles student records, assists with registration problems, administers

emergency loans, handles many administrative procedures, and dispenses advice and guidance on a broad range of issues. Click [here](#) for more information.

The Chemistry Graduate Diversity Office supports the Department's mission of training the next generation of scientists and is committed to developing underrepresented groups within the scientific talent pool. Originally begun as the Women in Chemistry program, this office has expanded its scope to address issues of recruitment, retention and advancement of women and minorities at the graduate level in the chemical sciences. Diversity initiatives include:

- **Promoting professional development through seminars and workshops**
- **Supporting efforts of local organizations promoting the advancement of women and minorities in STEM fields**
- **Providing networking opportunities with other scientists and engineers at the university and with UI alumni**
- **Offering professional development support and mentoring**

The goal of the office is to foster the academic and professional success of a diverse graduate student body in the Department of Chemistry. For more information, please visit the [website](#).

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Alpha Chi Sigma Professional Chemistry Fraternity has provided a unique opportunity for students in the chemical sciences at the University of Illinois to develop a professional network and become involved in professional activities, since 1938.
Email: zetaalphachisigma@gmail.com

American Chemical Society UIUC Student Chapter has provided resources to chemists young and old. We offer professional, educational and social opportunities

for our members since its inception in 1876. Our club activities are geared towards chemistry and chemical engineering majors, but we welcome anyone with an interest in chemistry. If interested, please email them at uiuc.acs@gmail.com.

Chemical Sciences through Community (C²) is a community of scholars comprised of undergraduate chemistry majors from underrepresented groups. Student affiliates are paired with graduate student mentors and invited to participate in monthly professional development and networking events. Scholars are also eligible to apply for summer research fellowships sponsored by the 3M corporation, as well as competitive research travel awards to attend chemistry conferences across the country.

The Chemistry Joint Safety Team (CJST) is a group of students, post docs, staff, and faculty, working to equip the Department of Chemistry with the education, training, and communication resources to facilitate a cohesive and effective safety culture at UI.
Email: chemsafety@illinois.edu

The Department of Chemistry Graduate Student Advisory Committee (DCGSAC) comprises student-elected representatives from each of the departmental areas. The DCGSAC serves an advisory role between the graduate students and the Department of Chemistry and is a more formal means by which graduate students may help to shape the Illinois Chemistry graduate program. The DCGSAC can address issues of both academic and social nature and pertaining to the graduate student population. It has served in roles as arbitrator, social organizer and educator for graduate students in the department.

DCGSAC has organized events throughout the year including the Fall Picnic, Holiday Party, Spring BBQ, Gripefest, monthly pizza lunches, activities during Graduate Student Appreciation Week and a Career Symposium.