

Thank you for your interest in Illinois Chemistry!  
This brochure describes some resources and organizations which enhance the development of our graduate students.

#### **CAMPUS RESOURCES:**

- Graduate College
- School of Chemical Sciences Career Placement and Counseling Services
- Chemistry Graduate Student Services
- Chemistry Graduate Diversity Office

#### **STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:**

- Department of Chemistry Graduate Student Advisory Committee (DCGSAC)
- American Chemical Society UIUC Women Chemists Committee (UIUC-WCC)
- American Chemical Society East Central Illinois Younger Chemists Committee (YCC)
- SACNAS: Advancing Hispanics/Chicanos & Native Americans in Science - UIUC Chapter (SACNAS-UIUC)
- National Organization for the Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (UIUC-NOBCCHE)
- Out in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics at Illinois (oSTEM@Illinois)



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## RESOURCES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS



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# CAMPUS RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHEMISTRY GRADUATE STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

**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 UIUC 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. Job-seekers are also encouraged to take advantage of the [Link](#) recruiting system to post their résumés, interview and search for jobs. Visit the SCS Career Services [website](#) for more information.

**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 UIUC 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, contact the Chemistry Graduate Diversity Office at [ealthaus@illinois.edu](mailto:ealthaus@illinois.edu) or visit the [website](#).

**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. Click [here](#) to read more about the DCGSAC.

**THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY UIUC WOMEN CHEMISTS COMMITTEE (UIUC-WCC)** aims to attract, develop and promote women in the chemical sciences. With the support from the UIUC Department of Chemistry and local ACS chapter, the UIUC-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](mailto:uiuc.wcc@gmail.com)

**THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY EAST CENTRAL ILLINOIS YOUNGER CHEMISTS COMMITTEE (YCC)** advocates for and provide resources to students, early-career chemists and professionals in the chemical sciences and related fields. Email: [eci.ycc@gmail.com](mailto:eci.ycc@gmail.com)

**THE SACNAS: ADVANCING HISPANICS/CHICANOS & NATIVE AMERICANS IN SCIENCE - UIUC CHAPTER (UIUC-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. The UIUC-SACNAS meets monthly for career and professional development, networking and outreach activities and was honored with the "2015 Graduate Chapter of the Year Award." Email: [sacnas.uiuc@gmail.com](mailto:sacnas.uiuc@gmail.com)

**THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT OF BLACK CHEMISTS AND CHEMICAL ENGINEERS (NOBCCChE)** mission is "to build an eminent cadre of people of color in science and technology." The UIUC Chemistry Department encourages participation at and provides travel awards to the annual NOBCCChE conference for networking and professional development. Email: [UIUCNOBCCHE@gmail.com](mailto:UIUCNOBCCHE@gmail.com)

**THE OUT IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS AT ILLINOIS (oSTEM@Illinois)** is a student organization at the University of 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](mailto:ostem.illinois@gmail.com)