

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

#### RESOURCES:

- Graduate College
- School of Chemical Sciences Career Placement and Counseling Services
- Chemistry Graduate Student Services
- Women in Chemistry Programs

#### STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:

- Department of Chemistry Graduate Student Advisory Committee (DCGSAC)
- American Chemical Society East Central Illinois Women Chemists Committee (ECI-WCC)
- National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChe)
- SACNAS: Advancing Hispanics/Chicanos & Native Americans in Science - UIUC Chapter (SACNAS-UIUC)



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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. More information about graduate life at Illinois, student affairs, disability services, equity programs, fellowships and career services is available at:

<http://grad.illinois.edu/campus-resources>

**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 with the director or participate in workshops on topics that include choosing a career direction, academic and industrial job search coaching, résumés/ CVs & cover letters, interviewing (including mock interviews), site visits, salary negotiation and decision-making, and school-to-work transitions.

Job-seekers are also encouraged to take advantage of the multi-school online recruiting system, SCS Symplicity, to post their résumés, to search available positions and to schedule interviews with visiting companies. Several Career Fairs are hosted collaboratively throughout the year with Biotechnology, Engineering, and other campus career centers.

More information about the Career Counseling & Placement Services office can be found online at: <http://careers.scs.illinois.edu/>

**THE CHEMISTRY GRADUATE STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE** is staffed by a Coordinator and supported by the Director of Graduate Studies. These two individuals assist current chemistry graduate students on all aspects of graduate student life at the university. Indeed, the office is 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. More information about Graduate Students Services is available at:

<http://www.chemistry.illinois.edu/graduates/GraduateStudentServices/index.html>

**THE WOMEN IN CHEMISTRY PROGRAM** was established, with support from the Provost's Office, the Dean's Office in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Department of Chemistry at the University of Illinois, to address issues of recruitment, retention and advancement of women in the sciences. The goal of the Women in Chemistry (WIC) programs is to advocate for and foster the educational and professional success of women at all levels in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Illinois.

Some of the objectives of the WIC program are:

- Promoting professional development through seminars and workshops
- Supporting and coordinating efforts with the American Chemical Society East Central Illinois Women Chemists Committee (ECI-WCC).
- Providing networking opportunities with other scientists and engineers at the university and with UIUC alumni
- Offering individual support through advising

Additional details about WIC program can be found at: <http://www.chemistry.illinois.edu/about/wic/index.html>

**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 sponsors social and outreach events throughout the year, as well as a career symposium for graduate students. More details about the DCGSAC can be found at: <http://www.scs.uiuc.edu/~dcgsac/>

**THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY EAST CENTRAL ILLINOIS WOMEN CHEMISTS COMMITTEE (ECI-WCC)** seeks to attract, promote and develop women in the chemical sciences. With the support of the local ACS chapter and the UIUC Department of Chemistry, the ECI-WCC plans events that include professional, social, and outreach opportunities that benefit graduate students, faculty, staff, undergraduates and middle school girls. For more information about the ECI-WCC, check out: <http://eastcentralillinois.sites.acs.org/wcc.htm>

**THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT OF BLACK CHEMISTS AND CHEMICAL ENGINEERS (NOBCChE)** was established to maintain and support programs that assist minority scientists in realizing their academic and professional potential. More information about the local chapter can be found at: <http://merit.illinois.edu/nobcche/index.html>

**THE SACNAS: ADVANCING HISPANICS/CHICANOS & NATIVE AMERICANS IN SCIENCE - UIUC CHAPTER (SACNAS-UIUC)** encourages underrepresented minorities in attaining advanced degrees, careers, and positions of leadership in STEM fields. SACNAS-UIUC – comprising undergraduates, graduate students and faculty – meets monthly for career and professional development and networking. For more information, email [SACNAS.UIUC@gmail.com](mailto:SACNAS.UIUC@gmail.com).