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
- Chemistry Graduate Diversity Office

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:

- Department of Chemistry Graduate Student Advisory Committee (DCGSAC)
- American Chemical Society East Central Illinois Women Chemists Committee (ECI-WCC)
- SACNAS: Advancing Hispanics/Chicanos & Native Americans in Science - UIUC Chapter (SACNAS-UIUC)
- Out in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics at Illinois (oSTEM@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 i-Link recruiting system to post their résumés, interview and search for jobs. Visit the Career Services Office 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 on 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 individual support through advising

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 graddiversity@scs.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. 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 EAST CENTRAL ILLINOIS WOMEN CHEMISTS COMMITTEE (ECI-WCC) seeks to attract, develop and promote 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. Check out the ECI-WCC website here.

THE SACNAS: ADVANCING HISPANICS/CHICANOS & NATIVE AMERICANS IN SCIENCE - UIUC CHAPTER (SACNAS-UlUC) encourages underrepresented minorities in attaining advanced degrees, careers, and positions of leadership in STEM fields. SACNAS-UlUC – comprising undergraduates, graduate students and faculty – meets monthly for career and professional development, networking and outreach activities. Visit the UIUC-SACNAS website here.

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 UIUC Chemistry Department encourages and supports its members to participate at the annual NOBCChe conference for networking and professional development. Contact Chemistry Graduate Diversity Office graddiversity@scs.illinois.edu for more information.

THE OUT IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS AT ILLINOIS (oSTEM@Illinois) chapter started in fall 2009 and continues to expand membership and visibility on campus. oSTEM: provides resources and support for LGBT students in STEM fields locally and nationally. oSTEM promotes the development of LGBT people in STEM fields to foster academic excellence, social equity, and to create a dynamic network between students and professionals. Click here for more information about oSTEM or email.

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