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# LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

April 1, 2026

Dear ACS Pittsburgh members and friends,

To start, I hope everyone who participated in the ACS Spring Meeting—whether in Atlanta or online—had an enriching experience filled with fresh ideas, compelling science, and valuable reconnections. Meetings like these remind us of chemistry’s breadth and interdisciplinarity, and they also highlight why local communities like ours matter: we keep those conversations going all year long.

April is a particularly momentous month for our Society. On April 6, 1876, 35 chemists convened at the College of Pharmacy of the City of New York and voted to form a national chemistry society—laying the foundation for the ACS we know today. This year, April 6 marks ACS’s 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, offering a wonderful opportunity to celebrate chemistry’s legacy and look forward to the next century and a half. I encourage you to join the ACS 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Founding Day Virtual Celebration (registration link below):

<https://www.acs.org/events/all-events/acs-150th-anniversary-founding-day-virtual-celebration.html>

Our ACS150 theme for April is Sustainability. Sustainability extends beyond environmental concerns; it includes designing safer chemicals and processes, using resources thoughtfully, supporting resilient communities, and preparing future scientists and engineers. I’m proud that many of our local section initiatives—from professional development to student support and community outreach—connect directly to this theme.

April also brings Chemists Celebrate Earth Week (CCEW), April 19–25, 2026, with this year’s theme, “Into the Woods with Chemistry.” Chemistry plays a pivotal role in forests, influencing everything from oxygen production and energy storage to the health and protection of ecosystems—underscoring the essential role forests serve in building a sustainable world. In that spirit, we are hosting our annual CCEW Student Poem Contest to inspire creativity and reflection around chemistry, nature, and sustainability.

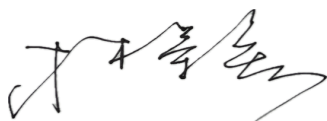
**American Chemical Society Pittsburgh Local Section**

*Engage and inspire members to unite the diverse chemistry community and share knowledge to benefit our region and its people.*  
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This month, our Local Section is also proud to sponsor events that strengthen our community through outreach and member engagement. The Women Chemists Committee (WCC) Spring Career Panel will be held on Saturday, April 4 (11:00 AM–3:00 PM) at the Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh University Place, featuring networking, workshops, and a panel of speakers from industry, academia, and biotech. We're also hosting an ACS Pittsburgh Student Communities Panel, Luncheon, and Poster Session on Saturday, April 18 (11:00 AM–3:00 PM) at the same venue, which will be free for all ACS Pittsburgh Student Communities and their members. We are also supporting the Duquesne ACS Student Affiliates' 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Symposium on April 26 at 9:00 AM at Duquesne University, bringing together invited speakers and undergraduate researchers for presentations, poster sessions, and awards. To further strengthen member-to-member connections, we launched our new initiative - Lunch with an Executive Committee Member. Our next lunch is Friday, April 10 (11:30 AM–1:00 PM) at Plaza Azteca in Washington, PA, hosted by our former Chair Heather Juzwa. Please check posters included in this issue of Crucible for more details of these events.

Thank you for being part of ACS Pittsburgh and for supporting the programs that keep our section thriving. I hope you'll join us this month—whether you're advancing your career, mentoring others, celebrating sustainability, or simply reconnecting with fellow chemists in our local community.

Warm regards,



*Ronghong Lin, PhD*  
Chair, ACS Pittsburgh Local Section (2026)

# Environmental Lecture Series XIX

Wednesday, May 13, 2026  
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Calgon Carbon Corporation  
3000 GSK Dr., Moon Township, PA 15108

In-Person:

11:30 am - 12:00 pm Check-in  
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Lunch  
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Lecture

Teams Meeting:

Register to receive a meeting invite



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## Sustainability and the Future of Chemistry

**H.N. Cheng, Ph.D.**

(Retired) USDA Southern  
Regional Research Center  
Past President, American  
Chemical Society



Scan the QR code  
or click [Here](#) to  
register by May 8<sup>th</sup>.





# Lunch with an Executive Committee Member

Network • Learn • Get involved

An informal monthly lunch with a member of the ACS Pittsburgh Local Section Executive Committee.

Open to members and the public — learn about upcoming programs and ways to volunteer.

DATE

**April 10, 2026**

LOCATION

**Plaza Azteca**

TIME

**11:30–1:00 PM**

**1010 Trinity Circle,  
Washington, PA 15301**

Limited to 10 attendees • First come, first served

HOST

## Heather Juzwa

Director

- Connect with chemists
- Discover the Pittsburgh Local Section
- Ask questions
- Explore volunteer opportunities



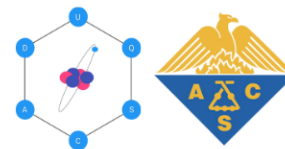
Non Member: \$20; Member: \$15; Student: \$5

RSVP by March 31, 2026

<https://forms.gle/zdLhAwqreUymSMSG8>



## Duquesne ACS Student Affiliates Hosts:



# 39th Annual Regional Symposium

Hear Three Invited Speakers.  
Enjoy Lunch & Refreshments.  
Win Prizes & Awards.

**April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 9 AM**  
**Duquesne University**



## Our Speakers:



### Dr. Kay Brummond

Professor of Chemistry  
University of Pittsburgh



### Dr. Alex Carpenter

Assistant Professor of Chemistry  
Duquesne University



### Dr. Ashley Schmidt

Single Crystal XRD  
Applications Scientist  
Bruker AXS

## Who Can Participate:

Undergraduate students conducting research in STEM subjects can present during the student poster session. STEM faculty members and graduate students can serve as a judge during the student poster session. The event is free of charge to all participants.

## Poster Format:

Horizontal (landscape) posters no larger than 36" by 44"

### Abstract Submission



### Judges Application



## Contact us:

If you have any questions, email us at [duqacs@gmail.com](mailto:duqacs@gmail.com)!

I'm honored to have been selected as a finalist for the 2026 ACS Congressional Program. My time in the academy has been shaped by a strong tradition of scientific innovation, education, and public service; this recognition reflects not only my commitment to advancing science but also my passion for connecting research with real-world policy impact. Pittsburgh's legacy at the intersection of industry, research, and community engagement inspires my interest in science-informed policymaking. Being chosen as a finalist is an exciting opportunity to contribute to meaningful conversations that shape the future of science and society, and to represent the values of collaboration and resilience that define the Pittsburgh community.



## **ACS Pittsburgh Local Section 2026 Executive Committee Appointments (Filling Vacancies)**

In accordance with the ACS Pittsburgh Local Section By-Laws, the Section Chair nominated three members to fill 2026 vacancies on the Executive Committee: one Director and two Alternate Councilors. The Executive Committee approved these nominations on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 to ensure continuity of Section operations and representation. Per our By-Laws, all three positions will be open for election at the end of this year, and the elected individuals will serve the next term beginning in 2027.

Please join us in welcoming and thanking these volunteers for stepping forward to serve the Section.

### **Director (Appointed for 2026) – Dr. Eric Popczun**

Eric Popczun is currently a research scientist at the U.S. Department of Energy stationed at the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) in Pittsburgh, PA. Prior to joining NETL, Popczun worked with Leidos as an NETL site-support contractor, the College of Wooster as a visiting assistant professor, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison as a post-doctoral associate. He received his Ph.D. from the Pennsylvania State University in 2015 under Raymond E. Schaak mentorship and B.S. from Mount Union College (now University of Mount Union) in 2010. His interests and research experience include gasification, air separations, heterogeneous catalysis, electrocatalyst development, and both traditional solid-state and nanocrystal synthesis. He has increased involvement with the ACS Pittsburgh Local Section recently by volunteering with National Chemistry Week activities but has also consistently assisted with the Western Pennsylvania Science Bowl competition hosted by NETL.

### **Alternate Councilor (Appointed for 2026) - Tabitha Riggio**

Ms. Tabitha Riggio is a sincere, dedicated volunteer. Riggio graduated from Duquesne University with a B.S. in Chemistry, a German minor, and an MBA. She is a long-standing member of the American Chemical Society, former Treasurer, and current chair of Project SEED.

Riggio spent her career at Bayer Material Science split between Applications/ Development and Sales/Marketing. While there, she helped establish a program to bring hands-on science into classrooms (Bayer Association for Science in Community). After a hiatus to raise her children and care for her parents with dignity, she returned to the workforce at LB Foster. During her career break, Riggio worked as a Special Education Aide and volunteered extensively in her school district, for example, on the science curriculum cyclical review committee.

Since 2004, Riggio has been the Chair of Project SEED of the Pittsburgh Section of the ACS. Project SEED was founded by the ACS to provide educational opportunities to high-achieving, economically-disadvantaged high school students. Through this work, Riggio and colleagues created a flourishing program and provided laboratory experiences to more than 60 students. Those students were hosted at laboratories around the Pittsburgh region, including Duquesne University, Washington and Jefferson College, and Covestro. The program received two ChemLuminary Awards for Outstanding Project SEED Program in 2008 and 2010. Riggio has also been involved in the Pittsburgh ACS as the Treasurer in 2003 and as part of the National Chemistry Week coordinating team for many years.

#### **Alternate Councilor** (Appointed for 2026) - **Logan Miller**

Logan works for Shimadzu Scientific Instruments (SSI) as a Field Application Scientist Team Lead with their Research & Development group. He joined SSI in 2018 as the Mid-Atlantic territory's Mass Spectrometry Technical Support Scientist. During his time with Shimadzu, he has been involved in numerous LCMS projects in the environmental, pharma, and clinical toxicology markets. Most notably he has been involved in a long-term instrumentation and application development project for the new Nexera QX multiplexing LCMS product line. Through his work with the Nexera QX product he has achieved two patents related to the development of the product line's stream management/logic.

Prior to SSI, he focused his undergraduate research in the biochemistry field looking at apoptotic response of leukemia cells and attended graduate school where he focused his research on the development of quantitative speciated isotope dilution LCMS assays using various analytical techniques; QQQ/QTOF LCMS, and ICP-MS. During graduate school he led the daily operation of the school's LCMS core facility within the chemistry department. He has attended and presented numerous oral and poster presentations at *PittCon*, *American Society for Mass Spectrometry*, *National Environmental Monitoring Conference*, *AOAC*, *SOFT*, *AAPS*, and various other conferences. He currently serves as one of the technical experts at SSI for PFAS analysis using EPA and ASTM methodologies and is developing a new ASTM method for extractable PFAS in consumer products via ASTM F15 committee.

Outside of Shimadzu, Logan is involved with both the Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh (SACP) and the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh (SSP) and has been a member since 2013. He has served as Chair for Mass Spec Discussion group and Treasurer for the SSP. Logan is also actively involved with PittCon, currently serving as a committee member for Chair for Attendee Experience for Pittcon 2026 in San Antonio, TX. He has held the role as one of the Directors for the Pittsburgh Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS). He has been an ACS member since 2009. Additional roles within the Pittsburgh ACS involve being chair of publicity/marketing committee and past secretary. At the national ACS level, he was a member of the Younger Chemists Committee and served as the subcommittee chair for the communications group. He constantly champions for the advancement of science education and outreach within the Pittsburgh region and across the United States through his volunteer efforts.

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Thank you to our newly appointed leaders for their service—and to all members who volunteer their time to strengthen ACS Pittsburgh.

Questions or interest in future leadership roles? Please contact the Section Chair at [dr.ronghong.lin@gmail.com](mailto:dr.ronghong.lin@gmail.com).

## A future where the Women Chemists Committee is no longer necessary

*Indu Kheterpal, chair, Women Chemists Committee*

9–11 minutes

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*Credit: Courtesy of Indu Kheterpal*

It has been 99 years since the founding of the American Chemical Society Women Chemists Committee (WCC). Nearly a century of steady progress has been achieved in areas of engagement, advancement, recognition, and advocacy, along with a vision of equal representation and influence in the chemistry enterprise.

I do not believe the goal of WCC is permanence. In fact, I believe the true measure of our success will be the day we become unnecessary.

What would it take to reach a point where focused efforts like ours are no longer needed? I often imagine that world. Not because it is imminent, but because the vision gives us direction. It will likely not arrive in my daughter's lifetime, perhaps not even in my granddaughter's. Yet, I hope a future generation will inherit a chemistry enterprise where equity is so embedded that a dedicated committee is not warranted. That future will not happen on its own.

For years, we have told ourselves that as more women earn undergraduate and graduate degrees in chemistry, leadership parity will naturally follow. The ladder, we assumed, would fix itself. While representation at entry levels has improved, underrepresentation persists in senior leadership across academia, industry, and government. Progress at the base has not automatically translated to equity at the top.

"Despite 99 years of progress, we still face barriers with recruitment, retention, advancement, and recognition."

The barriers are often subtle but powerful. Male colleagues under consideration for new opportunities are often characterized as "He can learn or do anything, he is a Swiss Army

knife.” How often are professional women described that way? More commonly, women are told they need more development, they should be more nurturing, or they are trying too hard. These narratives stunt opportunity long before formal decisions are made.

Despite 99 years of progress, we still face barriers with recruitment, retention, advancement, and recognition. These challenges are not confined to one employment sector; they span across the entire chemistry enterprise. These barriers are even larger for women of color and colleagues from other historically excluded communities.

One persistent and pernicious barrier is the difference between mentorship and sponsorship. Many women have mentors, and many organizations have formal mentorship programs. Far fewer women have sponsors, leaders who advocate for them behind closed doors, nominate them for stretch assignments, recommend them for high-visibility opportunities, and press for their promotion. Sponsorship accelerates careers. Without it, advancement can stall.

We continue to face biases embedded in evaluation systems, expectations around career-life integration, and workplace cultures that were not designed with inclusion in mind. The burden is often on individuals to adapt to systems that were not structured for equity.

So, what would it take to build a world where the WCC is no longer necessary?

First, we must be intentional. Equity does not emerge spontaneously from good intentions. It requires a deliberate system design and conscious effort from leaders.

Second, we must be persistent. Cultural change happens over decades, not semesters or quarterly cycles. We cannot treat equity as a temporary initiative. It must be sustained, measured, and reinforced.

Third, we must work together. This is not work that can be done by one committee, one generation, one geographic region, one subdiscipline of chemistry, or one gender. It will take all of us across age groups, employment sectors, institutions, and career stages lifting one another and amplifying one another’s voices.

We must measure, publish, and act on data. Equity dashboards should be standard institutional practice because what gets measured and reported gets managed. We need to normalize sponsorship across genders. Advocacy for high-potential women should be standard leadership behavior, not an exception. Leadership opportunities must be distributed intentionally and equitably. Career-life integration must be supported without penalty for all chemists. Male allies must be fully engaged, not as observers but as partners. Our understanding of equity must be expansive. Promotion of gender equity should include attention to race, ethnicity, disability, and socioeconomic status. We must create environments where collaboration, respect, psychological safety, and flexibility are the norm and where harassment and bias, whether overt or subtle, are rare and addressed swiftly.

In the future world we are working toward, the functions of the WCC would not be needed because equity would be embedded everywhere. From undergraduate laboratories to corporate boardrooms and national academies, representation would be balanced. Women would thrive in C-suites and boardrooms. Executive coaching would not disproportionately target women as if they alone must navigate biased systems. Sponsorship, stretch assignments, professional visibility, and governance roles would be distributed without disparity.

We will not need a special committee or holiday to feel supported, heard, or respected. Until then, the Women Chemists Committee remains not just relevant, but necessary.

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## American Chemical Society

### ACS Spring 2026 Meeting Atlanta, GA

#### Spring Council Meeting Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026

The ACS Spring 2026 meeting was held from March 20-22. As of March 24, there were 13,521 registrations (12,475 in-person and 1,046 online).

#### Summary of the Actions of the Council:

- The four candidates for President-elect 2027 each presented short statements. By electronic ballot, the Council selected **Laura Sremaniak and Lisa McElwee-White** as the two candidates who will move forward to stand in the Fall 2026 national election.
- The committee on Nominations & Elections (N&E) announced the results of the election held prior to council for selecting down the candidates for District Director. The candidates for District III (our district) are **Bonnie Lawlor and Stephanie Watson**. The candidates for District VI director are **Anna Cavinato and Jeanette Van Emon**.
- N&E also announced the candidates for Director-at-Large for 2027-2029 are **Mick Hurrey, Beth Lorsbach, William Provine, and Carolyn Ribes**.
- On the recommendation of ConC, and with the concurrence of CPC, Council voted [Yes 377 (95.93%) / No 16 (4.07%)] to amend the names and duties of the Committee on Budget and Finance (B&F) and change its name to the Committee on Fiscal Affairs (CFA), subject to the concurrence of the Board.
- ConC announced that the committee preference form is open to all ACS members through July 6. Councilors interested in serving on an ACS Committee in 2026 should go to [CMTE.acs.org](http://CMTE.acs.org), to complete their preferences.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on International Activities (IAC), Council voted to approve the creation of a new International Chemical Sciences Chapter in Sri Lanka [Yes 378 (98.18%) / No 7 (1.82%)], subject to the concurrence of the ACS Board of Directors.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Membership Affairs (MAC), Council voted [Yes 388 (98.48%) / No 6 (1.52%)] to approve the 2027 Schedule of Dues and Benefits, subject to the concurrence of the ACS Board of Directors. MAC proposed no changes from the 2026 Schedule of Dues and Benefits.

- The Council Policy Committee (CPC) reported on its new strategic plan. The three overarching goals focus on Councilor Engagement, Council Structure, and Leadership Development. CPC has restructured its subcommittees to implement this plan.
- The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) reported the certification of 15 unit bylaws since the fall 2025 meeting. They include nine Local Sections: Central New York, Chicago, East Texas, Florida, Huron Valley, **Pittsburgh**, Rock River, Tampa Bay, and Trenton; four Divisions: Agrochemicals (AGRO), Energy and Fuels (ENFL), Inorganic Chemistry (INOR), and Small Chemical Businesses (SCHB); and two International Chemical Sciences Chapters: Guatemala and Nigeria.
- The Committee on Budget and Finance (B&F) reported that in 2025, ACS had a net revenue of \$50.7 million from operations and met all five of its financial guidelines. Over the past 25 years, revenue has more than doubled, with a fourfold increase in unrestricted net assets. ACS receives 58% of revenue from outside of North America and is active in 56 different jurisdictions.
- Council additionally passed resolutions in memory of past-President Charles Casey, in memory of deceased Councilors, in appreciation of the Georgia Local Section for hosting the meeting.
- Additional information of the Actions of the Board of Directors can be found at the Council website: [www.acs.org/Councilors](http://www.acs.org/Councilors)

Submitted by Pittsburgh Local Section Councilors:

Richard Danchik, Kimberly Woznack (author), Haitao Liu, and Edward Zovinka



## 2026 CCEW Illustrated Poem Contest Into the Woods with Chemistry

The Pittsburgh Local Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS) is sponsoring an illustrated poem contest for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

**Contest Deadline:** Sunday, April 26, 2026. <https://forms.gle/66k3Uzq6reS5nKZm8>

**Prizes:** \$50 for 1st place winners in each of four grade categories: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12

**Contact:** Niharika Botcha, CCEW Coordinator, [nbotcha@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:nbotcha@andrew.cmu.edu)

Winners of the Pittsburgh Local Section's Illustrated Poem Contest will advance to the National Illustrated Poem Contest for a chance to be featured on the ACS website and to win prizes!

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Write and illustrate a poem using the CCEW theme, **“Into the Woods with Chemistry”**  
Your poem must be **no more** than 40 words and in the following styles to be considered:

**HAIKU - LIMERICK - ODE - ABC POEM - FREE VERSE - END RHYME - BLANK VERSE**

### Topics related to the tree theme include:

- Photosynthesis
- Cellulose
- Glucose
- Preservation
- Chlorophyll
- Resin
- Polymer
- Carbon Dioxide

### Entries will be judged based upon:

- Artistic Merit - use of color, quality of drawing, design, and layout
- Poem Message - fun, motivational, and inspiring about the yearly theme
- Originality Creativity - unique, clever, and/or creative design
- Neatness - free of spelling and grammatical errors

### Contest rules:

- All poems must be no more than 40 words, and in one of the following styles to be considered: Haiku, Limerick, Ode, ABC poem, Free verse, End rhyme, and Blank verse.
- Entries are judged based upon relevance to and incorporation of the CCEW theme, word choice and imagery, colorful artwork, adherence to poem style, originality and creativity, and overall presentation.
- All entries must be original works without aid from others. Poems may be submitted by hand on an unlined sheet of paper not larger than 11" by 14" or scanned and sent via email. Illustrations may be created using crayons, watercolors, other types of paint, colored pencils, or markers. The illustration may also be electronically created by using a digital painting and drawing app on a computer, tablet, or mobile device.
- The text of the poem should be easy-to-read and may be typed before the hand-drawn or digital illustration is added, or the poem may be written on lined paper, which is cut out and pasted onto the unlined paper with the illustration.
- No clipart or unoriginal images can be used.
- Only one entry per student will be accepted; all entries must include an entry form.
- If the illustration is created using a digital painting or drawing app, the name of the program must be included on the entry form (No AI).
- Acceptance of prizes constitutes consent to use winners' first name and last initial, along with the name of the ACS Local Section, on the ACS web pages and, in the magazine, Chemical & Engineering News



# ACS Pittsburgh Section 2026 "On the Road" Meeting

From Barley to Bubbles: The Chemistry of a Pint

Please scan the QR code below  
or Click [here](#) to register



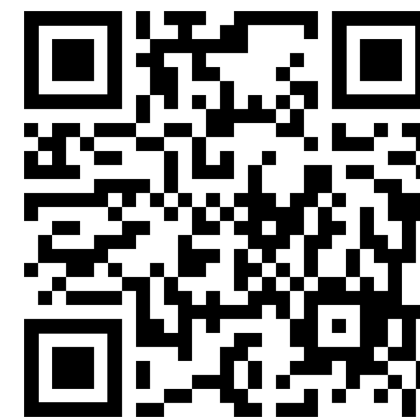
May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Agenda (PM):

6 - 6:45 Dinner

6:45 - 7:30 Talk and Q&A

7:30 - 8:30 ACS Pittsburgh  
Section (Open) Executive Meeting



Speaker: Jay Herman

Founder & Former Head Brewer

Levity Brewing Company  
& Science Educator

Location: Conny Creek Brewing

4323 Shearsburg Rd, New Kensington, PA 15068

Registration is Free!



ACS Local Section  
Pittsburgh





## American Chemical Society Pittsburgh Section

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Dear Academic ACS Pittsburgh Section Members,

The Pittsburgh Section of the American Chemical Society has budgeted funds to help encourage undergraduate/graduate student participation in national and regional ACS meetings. The awards are intended to help defray meeting registration and travel-related expenses (lodging, transportation, per diem) for eligible students. Awards will be made based on the scientific merit of the paper/poster to be presented, financial need, and preference will be given to ACS members.

To apply for the funds, applicants should complete the attached application and return it by the relevant deadline. The deadlines for receipt of applications are as follows:

- **06/01 (for travel to be completed by 12/31)**
- **12/01 (for travel to be completed by 06/30)**

As noted on the application, students should include an abstract and confirmation (if received) of the paper/poster being accepted for the Meeting. In addition to the application form, applicants should include a recommendation letter from the PI of the project being presented and/or a recommendation letter from another and a personal statement as to the anticipated benefits of meeting attendance.

Applications can be made electronically (*preferred*) by emailing the application to Heather Juzwa ([hljuzwa@shimadzu.com](mailto:hljuzwa@shimadzu.com) or [heather\\_sapko@hotmail.com](mailto:heather_sapko@hotmail.com)) or by mailing a hard-copy application (Pittsburgh Section ACS Travel Grants / Heather Juzwa / Center / 321 Winners Circle / Canonsburg, PA 15317).

Since 2013, the Pittsburgh Section of the ACS has awarded up to four \$500 grants each year to aid our undergraduate/graduate student members in presenting papers or posters at ACS Meetings. This is an ongoing program in our Section, and details will be updated on our website ([www.pittsburghACS.org](http://www.pittsburghACS.org)) as necessary.

Applicants will be notified via email that their application was received. All efforts will be made to announce awards within two weeks of the application deadline, and all applicants will be notified of the final committee decisions. Our Section is looking forward to helping increase the participation of local students in ACS conferences. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Heather Juzwa, ACS Pittsburgh Section Student Travel Grants, Chair  
Senior Field Sales Engineer, Shimadzu Scientific Instruments, Inc



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[www.pittsburghacs.org](http://www.pittsburghacs.org)

Application Deadline	Travel Completion Date
December 1	June 30 (subsequent year)
June 1	December 31 (same year)

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Undergraduate Student / Year

\_\_\_\_\_ Graduate Student / Year

Mailing Address to Receive Payment if Awarded:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

PI: \_\_\_\_\_

ACS Membership No.\*: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*If you do not know your ACS number, please email [hljuzwa@shimadzu.com](mailto:hljuzwa@shimadzu.com) to receive it by email.*

Meeting Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Paper Presentation      \_\_\_\_\_ Poster Presentation

*\*Please attach a copy of your project abstract to the application.*

Has your project been accepted?      Yes      No

*\*Attach documentation regarding acceptance if received at point of application.*

Will this be your first presentation at an ACS national or regional meeting?      Yes      No

If no, please list conferences at which you have presented: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of grant: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other funding sources (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Personal Statement of anticipated benefits of meeting attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Has the applicant received a travel grant from the ACS Pittsburgh Section in the past?    Yes                      No

If your application was selected, the Pittsburgh Section of the ACS would like you to write a short (one page) description of your activity upon completion of the conference for publication in our monthly newsletter, The Crucible, and on our website. The description is due within 30 days of the meeting attended. Photos are welcomed and encouraged.

I am willing to complete this report:                      Yes                      No

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

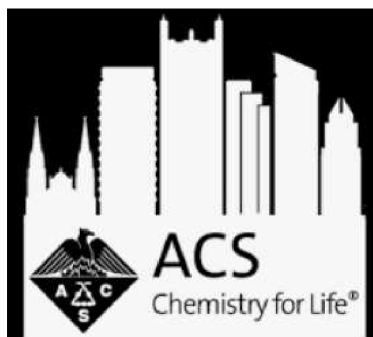
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed hard-copy applications and supporting documentation to:

Pittsburgh Section ACS Travel Grants

Heather Juzwa, 321 Winners Circle, Canonsburg, PA 15317

Electronic copies of completed applications should be sent to [hljuzwa@shimadzu.com](mailto:hljuzwa@shimadzu.com) and [heather\\_sapko@hotmail.com](mailto:heather_sapko@hotmail.com). Be sure to place "Pittsburgh Section ACS Travel Grants" in the subject line.



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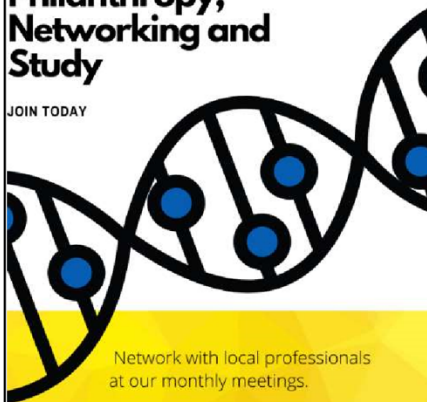
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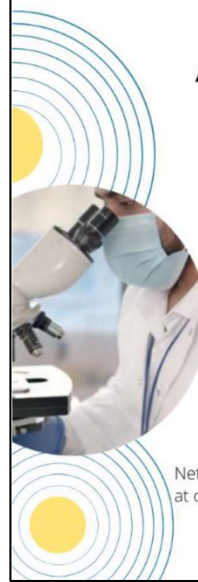
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