

American Chemical Society Women Chemists Committee Award Programs

WCC/Eli Lilly Travel Award

Provides travel funding for undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral female chemists to present the results of their research. Based on scientific merit and financial need, awards may be applied only for registration, travel within the US, and accommodations.

Sponsored by Eli Lilly and Company, the award also provides networking opportunities for recipients who attend an ACS national meeting including a private dinner for awardees, a poster session and reception, and recognition at the WCC Luncheon.

Preference is given to any applicant who will be making her first presentation at a national meeting or graduate or postdoctoral applicants who have not presented at a national or major meeting since completing their undergraduate degree. Only US citizens and permanent residents are eligible. Those who have received a prior award under this program are ineligible.

Application Deadlines:
 February 15 – Meetings between July 1 and December 31; September 15 – Meetings between January 1 and June 30

Overcoming Challenges Award

Recognizes a female undergraduate for her efforts in overcoming hardship to achieve success in chemistry.

One award is offered annually. The awardee receives a monetary prize of \$250 and up to \$1,000 for travel expenses to attend the ACS Fall National Meeting. The awardee is presented with a plaque and recognized at the WCC Luncheon at the fall meeting.

- Applicant must be a female undergraduate currently enrolled in a two-year chemistry-related program or pursuing a major or minor in a four-year chemistry program at a school that does not grant doctorates in chemistry. Applicant must have completed one semester of college-level chemistry.
- Applicant must demonstrate that she has overcome hardships (economic, personal, or academic) in pursuit of her education.

Applicants are reviewed on: Improvement; Initiative; Successes; and, Grades from the previous two semesters (not cumulative grade point average).

Application Deadline: April 1

WCC Lectureship Award

Seeks to enhance the reputation of early and mid-career female chemists and chemical engineers by supporting their travel to present technical talks at doctoral degree granting institutions.

Awards may be made directly to a female chemist who chooses to self-nominate, or to the host institution. Awards cover transportation, lodging, and childcare, but not honoraria, refreshments, or meals, to a maximum of \$1,000. Institutions may use the award to support more than one speaker.

Awardees should be female chemists or chemical engineers from academia, industry, or government with a record of accomplishment in research, and who are within ten years from the completion of her Ph.D. or postdoctoral experience. Female speakers from academia should be tenure-track assistant or associate professors. Those who are already widely recognized in their area of chemistry or chemical engineering and are at the pinnacle of their careers will not be considered.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis; awards are first-come, first-served.

Priscilla Carney Jones Scholarship

Provides scholarships for female undergraduate majors in chemistry or related disciplines who are beginning their junior or senior year of study.

Sponsored by Paul Jones and the Alpha Chi Sigma Educational Foundation, the scholarship is a one-time award on the basis of both need and scholarship. The award amount is subject to available funding, but will be a minimum of \$1,500 to defray tuition, books, and lab fees.

- Applicant must be a rising junior or senior female undergraduate student enrolled full-time at an accredited college or university, majoring in chemistry or chemistry-related science (*pre-med students are not eligible*) with a minimum overall GPA of 3.25.
- Applicant must have completed research or plan to conduct research during undergraduate years.
- Applicant must be a US citizen or permanent resident and able to demonstrate evidence of financial need according to an award letter from the applicant's institution and estimated unmet need for the upcoming academic year.

Application Deadline: May 1



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National Awards to Promote Women Chemists

ACS Award for Encouraging Women into the Chemical Sciences

Recognizes significant accomplishments by individuals, men or women, who have stimulated or fostered the interest of women in chemistry, promoting their professional developments as chemists or chemical engineers.

Sponsored by The Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation, Inc., the award consists of \$5,000 and a certificate. A grant of \$10,000 will be made to an academic institution, designated by the recipient, to strengthen its activities in meeting the objectives of the award. Up to \$1,500 for travel expenses to the meeting at which the award will be presented will be reimbursed. The WCC will organize the award address.

Nominees for the award may come from any professional setting: academia, industry, government, or other independent facility. The award will be granted without regard to age or nationality.

Application Deadline: November 1 (annual review).

Francis P. Garvan - John M. Olin Medal

Recognizes distinguished service to chemistry by women chemists.

Sponsored by the Francis P. Garvan-John M. Olin Medal Endowment, the award consists of \$5,000, a medallion with a presentation box, and a certificate. Up to \$2,500 for travel expenses to the meeting at which the award will be presented will be reimbursed. The medallion will be presented during the award address.

A nominee must be a citizen of the United States and have performed distinguished service to chemistry.

The WCC recognizes the Garvan-Olin Medalist at the Spring WCC Luncheon where the medalist provides the keynote address.

Application Deadline: November 1 (annual review).

Award Nominations

It is a continuing dilemma that very few chemists with disabilities, minority chemists, or women chemists receive these national awards. Our review of available data shows that nominations occur at a much lower level than the demographics of the society would predict based on years of work and professional accomplishments.

The Women Chemists Committee, together with the Committee on Minority Affairs (CMA), the Committee on Chemists with Disabilities (CWD), the Younger Chemists Committee (YCC), and the Committee on Technician Affairs (CTA) are united in our efforts to be leaders in promoting diversity and inclusiveness within the ACS. Award recipients serve as role models and beacons for our younger chemists and budding scientists who are looking to choose their professional paths and we all realize that deserved professional recognition can be a key motivator for those already pursuing such a career. We need your assistance in our search for those among us who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishment and achievement in their field.

If you are aware of a woman, or other individual representing our expanding diversity, whose work has proven commendable, we ask that you nominate them. Help us demonstrate that the strength of the ACS indeed comes from its diversity. Nominations for national awards are due November 1, but early nominations are recommended.