Meetings, Scholarships and Educational Opportunities

Bienvenidos! Welcome!

On behalf of the Latinx Student Welcome Planning Committee, we would like to welcome new and returning Latinx students to San Francisco State University! We hope that you had a smooth transition to remote learning and find yourselves ready to take on this new semester! #WeGotThis

Although we do not find ourselves on our beautiful campus we wanted to invite folks to our virtual Latinx Student Welcome to provide students a space to build community with one another, hear directly from University leadership, learn more about Latinx student organizations and campus resources!

Join us on Thursday, September 17, 2020 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm PST. Please RSVP to receive Zoom information: https://bit.ly/latinxstudentwelcome

If you have any questions or need accommodations, please contact Christian Lozano Cuellar at christianlozano@sfsu.edu. We look forward to virtually meeting you!

-Latinx Student Welcome Planning Committee-
We would like to bring your attention the exciting possibilities for graduate study in Chemistry at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

The Chemistry graduate program at the University of Michigan, currently ranked 15 in the Nation, is highly interdisciplinary and covers traditional areas of Chemistry and Biochemistry as well as emerging areas at the interfaces with Applied Physics, Materials Science, Medicine, Engineering and Science Education. Students in the U-M Chemistry graduate program come from a particularly diverse range of backgrounds. Our graduate curriculum combines courses that provide a solid foundation in the core areas of Chemistry as well as many advanced courses tailored to specialized interests, enhanced by our Medical School and College of Engineering offerings. Our graduate students participate in a unique research rotation system, providing the opportunity to try out different areas of Chemistry before choosing a research mentor. Following the choice of a research group, our students work at the bleeding edge of the molecular sciences as part of interdisciplinary teams that often include students and researchers from a broad range of other programs.

Our graduate program provides very competitive support (including family health and dental insurance) through a combination of sources to students during their first year. During subsequent years, graduate students in good standing receive financial support, including summer salary and family health and dental insurance, generally through their mentors’ grants. There are also opportunities to participate in a number of different training grants, teaching, and pioneering professional development opportunities. You will find detailed information on our web site, which we invite you to explore at http://www.lsa.umich.edu/chem.

Hello Everyone,

PhD and Me is an SFSU& CCC student organized initiative where we gather every week to work on PhD applications, share resources, and critique materials. So if you are applying this cycle please see the attached flyers to join us! In addition, we will be hosting PhD panels and are looking for 3-5 PhD students and 3-5 PIs to volunteer for any of these dates:

October 1st (Thursday) - Research Statement Review
October 8th (Thursday) - Research Statement Review
October 29th (Thursday) - Personal Statement Review
November 5th (Thursday) - PhD Panel
November 12th (Thursday) - PhD Panel

The times for these events will most likely be from 5-7pm but we are happy to have volunteers for 30 min., 1 hour, or the entire session if possible.

Please email phdandme94132@gmail.com if you have any questions or if you are interested in helping us. Also please forward this to anyone applying this cycle!

Thank you so much.

Warm regards,
Ashley and Matthew
PhD & Me

Tentative Schedule

9/10 How to find your PhD Program
9/17 Writing Research Statements
9/24 Research Statements Outline Peer Review
10/01 Research Statements Peer Review
10/08 Research Statements Peer Review
10/15 Writing Diversity Statements
10/22 Writing Personal Statements
10/29 Personal Statement Peer Review
11/05 Recruiter and PhD Candidate Panel
11/12 Recruiter and PhD Candidate Panel
11/19 Open Session

For the zoom link & meeting times (which may vary) please contact Ashley at PhDandMe94132@gmail.com
A competition across CSU/UC/Community Colleges to register as many voters and increase votes from higher education.
https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-bowl/

The California Students Vote Project (CSVP) aims to increase civic engagement and voter participation among California university and college students

If you are eligible to vote on November 3 and have not yet registered to vote, register through this link: https://registertovote.ca.gov/?t=s
and SELECT SF STATE for the registration to count toward the Ballot Bowl (on page 3 or registration).

Registration deadline is Oct 19, 2020 to be able to vote on November 3
Deadline to count registrations for SF State in the Ballot Bowl is November 3.
Graduate Program VIRTUAL Preview Visit - October 22-23, 2020
Apply now! Deadline is Oct. 2nd!
Preference for students from low-income homes, first-generation college, or whose backgrounds are underrepresented in academia.

What is M|CORE?
The Michigan Chemistry Opportunities for Research and Education (MCORE) program invites approximately 15 highly qualified prospective students to the University of Michigan Chemistry Department for a virtual visit to explore the Chemistry graduate program. Direct link: [http://myumi.ch/gjN3q](http://myumi.ch/gjN3q)

Why apply to M|CORE?
During the MCORE preview, you will have the opportunity to explore virtually the Michigan Chemistry graduate program. You will not only get to interact with faculty, staff, and current graduate students. Informally, you also have an opportunity to explore virtually the chemistry building, labs, and Ann Arbor area.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents who are recent college graduates or students with junior or senior status who will graduate no later than spring 2022. Preference will be given to students from low-income homes, students who are first-generation college students, or students whose backgrounds are underrepresented in academia. (All applicants must intend to apply for admission to the Michigan Chemistry doctoral program for the 2021-22 or 2022-23 academic year.) Direct link: [http://myumi.ch/erN34](http://myumi.ch/erN34)

What to expect during the M|CORE preview
Through M|CORE, you will get a great sense of what it’s like to be a Michigan Chemistry graduate student. During your visit, you will have the opportunity to:

- Take virtual tours of the research facilities in the Chemistry Department and across campus
- Meet with the research faculty and current Chemistry graduate students
- Get an overview of the Chemistry graduate program
- Ask questions about how to prepare a competitive graduate school application
- **No cost to attend** for students selected to participate in M|CORE
Applications are due **Friday, October 2, 2020**

Questions? Please email **mcore.chem@umich.edu**

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**Attend Cell Bio Virtual 2020 with support from these grants**

**Inclusivity Grants**

Inclusivity grants, covering the reimbursement of membership dues and abstract fees in order to attend Cell Bio Virtual 2020, are currently available to undergraduate, graduate, postdoc, and junior faculty who identify as underrepresented minorities (see NIH definition*).

Society membership and meeting attendance offer unparalleled access to a community of scientists for connection and collaboration as well as opportunities to stay on the cutting-edge of developments in the field.

**Childcare Grants**

The ASCB is accepting applications for grant support to help offset the cost of childcare, enabling scientists with dependent children to attend the meeting.

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*The NIH has determined that the following racial and ethnic groups have been shown to be underrepresented: Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, American Indians or Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders, AND individuals with disabilities, who are defined as those with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more life activities."
Dear Colleagues,

We know this has been a challenging year for us all. We have all made sacrifices and quick adjustments to continue the mission of educating the next generation during COVID-19 and our turbulent racial climate. We appreciate the work you continue to do in spite of these challenging times. As a program director dedicated to the development of URM students, your work is especially vital during this era. The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center UTHealth Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences is committed to providing you the information you need to continue to groom the young scientific talent at your institution.

We invite you and your students to join us for Discover Biomedicine, a virtual weekly series dedicated to the preparation of students for graduate school and to learn more about MD Anderson Cancer Center UTHealth Graduate School. Our sessions will be held every Wednesday from 3:00-4:00 PM CST, through November. Topics will include but are not limited to: The Graduate School Journey/Admissions Q&A, The Academic CV, Crafting a Winning Personal and Research Statement, Insights from our Graduate Students, Planning for Success in the Biomedical Sciences. Some topics will be repeated in case you miss a session.

We believe this series will be very useful to and convenient for your students as they think about their careers in the biomedical sciences. We would appreciate your efforts to spread the word to your students over the next few weeks! If you have any questions please email us at gsbs_recruiting@uth.tmc.edu. We look forward to interacting with you during Discover Biomedicine.

**Important Links:**

- See what other virtual events we are attending this year - [https://gsbs.uth.edu/future-students/recruitment-schedule.htm](https://gsbs.uth.edu/future-students/recruitment-schedule.htm)
- Check us out on our Facebook page (double check correct link for GSBS FB page)
- To learn more about our school, visit our website: [https://gsbs.uth.edu/](https://gsbs.uth.edu/)
Important Admissions Deadlines

PhD program application: **Dec. 1, 2020**
MS program application in Medical Physics: **Dec. 1, 2020**
MS program application in Genetic Counseling: **Dec. 15, 2020**
MS program application in Biomedical Sciences: **April 1, 2021**

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The Pharmacology Graduate Group (PGG) at the University of Pennsylvania invites you for a virtual panel discussion on September 24 at 7:00 pm (EST). The goal of the panel is to highlight the different components (research, mentoring, resources, community, etc.) that PGG has to offer. For more information about our program, please visit us at [https://www.med.upenn.edu/pgg/](https://www.med.upenn.edu/pgg/).

**Event: Virtual Panel Discussion: Pharmacology Graduate Group (PGG) - University of Pennsylvania**

- **Date:** September 24, 2020
- **Time:** 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (EST)
- **Registration Deadline:** September 23, 2020

**REGISTER** to receive the ZOOM information.

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**Students,**

At the Van Andel Institute Graduate School, we recognize that everyone has been impacted by COVID-19 in some way. We also recognize that for students, this continues to present many different questions about what actions to take, especially when it comes to applying for graduate school.

We want to help you by answering some of these questions and sharing a little about our program.

**Why VAI?** on Friday, September 18 at 12pm EST
Learn more about Van Andel Institute’s unique [fully funded](https://www.med.upenn.edu/pgg/) PhD in cell and molecular biology program, housed at Van Andel Institute, an **independent research institute** in Grand Rapids, Michigan.
To register for this workshop, go to [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ztUgdChySEOJdARAAfjkaA](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ztUgdChySEOJdARAAfjkaA)

**What can you do with a biomedical PhD?** on Wednesday, October 14 at 3:30pm EST
Learn more about the career options available to you if you get a biomedical PhD from those who have done it!
To register for this workshop, go to [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oxx37e1FQ1SKkqR2fleyAA](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oxx37e1FQ1SKkqR2fleyAA)

**Helpful tips for applying to a PhD program** on Thursday, November 19 at 5:30pm EST
If you are working on your graduate school application for a PhD program and you have questions, this

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webinar is for you! Get advice on writing your personal statement, who to ask to write your letters of recommendations, and more!

To register for this workshop, go to https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0IkoXsSNSsepBiFDZQ9KcA

Drug 101 Development & Career Panel

Learn about the drug discovery and development process, and VIR Biotechnology’s groundbreaking role in this process

Learn about the various and diverse jobs within the biotech industry

Make valuable connections with VIR Biotechnology employees and fellow San Francisco State students

Learn about how to participate in our upcoming 1:1 mentorship program with VIR Biotechnology

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

For more information email Elaine Sidori at esidori@sfu.edu

At the Gerstner Sloan Kettering Graduate School, we are committed to training a new generation of scientists who will advance the frontiers of biomedical knowledge. Established in
generation of scientists who will advance the frontiers of biomedical knowledge. Established in 2006, our graduate school provides an interactive environment in which PhD students get the full benefit of the close integration of basic science and clinical research for which Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center is known. Our program offers students a wide range of learning and research opportunities with our internationally renowned faculty in a highly innovative and collegial scientific environment.

Please visit our website to find out more about us. I would also appreciate it if you would forward the attached information to those students who are considering careers in the biomedical sciences.

This year, we will be hosting virtual information sessions providing information on our PhD program, guidance on how to apply to our graduate school, and a Q&A session with prospective applicants. Our first session will be hosted on Tuesday, September 22 at 5:30 PM. You can register for an upcoming session here.

General News and Updates

A link to seminars at the UCSF Hellen Diller Comprehensive Cancer Center is HERE.

Prof. Rori Rohlf’s website for the GOLD program is now available!: https://goldsfsu.weebly.com/