



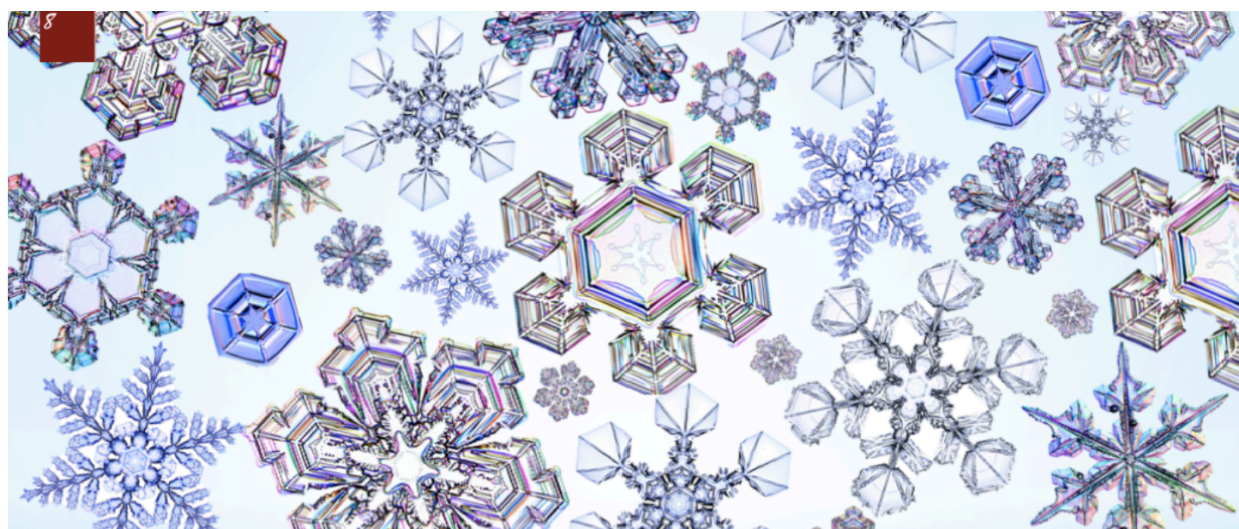
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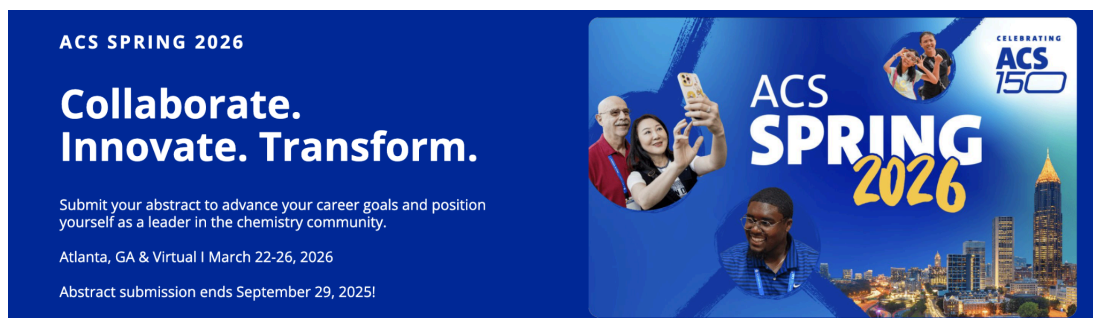


About Us

We are the **Pre-College Committee**! Our members are a vibrant group of educators committed to supporting high school teachers by explaining the benefits of belonging to the Division and encouraging them to join through various activities and programs.

Mark Your Calendars:

Join Us for the ACS Spring 2026 Conference!



March 22-26 | Atlanta, GA In-Person & Virtual

[ACS Spring - American Chemical Society](https://www.acs.org/events/spring)

Explore the Digital Meeting

<https://www.acs.org/events/spring/digital-meeting.html>

If you live/work near Atlanta, please join us at the TEACHER'S DAY at the conference!

Summer 2026

Biennial Conference on Chemical Education (BCCE) 2026



The 29th BCCE will be held on the lakeside campus of the University of Wisconsin in the Summer of 2026. The conference will feature a mix of symposia, workshops, poster sessions, exhibits, and spaces for both formal and informal discussions.

For More Information:

[Biennial Conference on Chemical Education | Hosted by UW Conferences & Events](#)

[BCCE Scholarships](#)

The Division of Chemical Education is offering scholarships to DivCHED members to attend and participate in the BCCE! This exciting DivCHED member benefit supports our community by broadening participation in the Division's signature conference.

Scholarships will cover registration for BCCE 2026, housing in the dorm at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, or both registration & housing (as specified by the applicant). Please note that scholarships are exclusive to DivCHED members. Not a member? [Learn more here](#); Division membership is \$25.

ACS Fall 2026 Conference @ Chicago, IL


ACS FALL 2026 | AUGUST 23-27

Chemists Making History. Be Part of It.

Explore new research, expand your network, and connect with the community driving global innovation.

[Submit Your Abstract](#)

Registration and housing open in June 2026.

The banner graphic for ACS Fall 2026 features a purple and blue gradient background. It includes the text 'ACS FALL 2026' in large, bold, white and blue letters. There are three circular inset images: one showing a person in a lab coat, one showing a city skyline (Chicago), and one showing two people smiling. A stylized molecular structure is also visible in the background.

August 23-27| Chicago, IL In-Person & Virtual

[ACS Fall - American Chemical Society](#)

The conference has an awesome Teacher's Day in the program just for you!. If you work/live near Chicago, come along!

International Conference of Interest July 8-10, 2026 | London, UK

[13th International Symposium on Microscale Chemistry, London UK](#)

Check all ACS Events

[ACS Events - American Chemical Society](#)

AACT Conferences and Events

National and Regional Events

<https://teachchemistry.org/professional-development/conferences-and-events>

REGIONAL MEETINGS IN YOUR AREA

We encourage educators who live a driving distance from the meetings' locations to attend! Some of the benefits are:

- There are **Chemical Education symposiums** in their programs, where we learn from each other's best practices.
- Each includes **awards for High School Teachers** (up to \$1000). You could nominate a colleague!
- Symposiums are relevant to your practice.
- All meetings offer a **special registration rate for K-12 educators!**
- *Funding to attend any of these meetings can be found under the Grants update. See the ACS or AACT websites to check the Hach Professional Development Grants and Division of Chemical Education Travel Grants.*

[2026 Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting @ Hershey, Pennsylvania](#)

May 17-19, 2026

[79th Northwest Regional Meeting \(NORM\) @ Boise, Idaho](#)

June 28 - July 1st

[2026 Southeastern Regional Meeting of the ACS @ Memphis, Tennessee](#)

November 4 - 7

ACS DivCHED Website

DivCHED Website: [DivCHED](#)

Support the Advancement of Chemical Education for All. Join Now!

<https://divched.org/join>



DivCHED Materials and Resources

Materials & Resources

[DivCHED Materials and Resources](#)

Teaching Resources

[DivCHED Teaching Resources](#)

DivCHED Awards for You

Awards

[DivCHED Awards](#)

In addition, please check the [ACS CATALYST SCHOLARSHIP](#) for your students.

Grants

ACS Hatch Professional Development Grant

[ACS - HACH PROFESIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT](#)

Important Dates

- Applications are accepted between October 15 and January 2 annually.

Eligibility

Applicants must be a high school chemistry educator teaching in a U.S. or U.S. territory school.

ACS Hatch Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Scholarship

[ACS- Hach Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Scholarship](#)

Important Dates

Application Opens: February 1

Application Deadline: May 1

Applicant Decision Date: Mid-July



Eligibility

To be eligible, you must:

- Have a Bachelor's degree or higher in chemistry or a chemistry-related discipline
- Have less than one year of work experience outside of obtaining undergraduate and graduate degrees**
- Demonstrate interest and commitment to becoming a secondary educator
- Be accepted into an education master's program or a teacher certification program
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident

* Due to scholarship guidelines, scholarship stipends are distributed in equal installments two times per academic year. This may result in scholars receiving half of their total scholarship if they complete their program by the Fall semester.

** If you have more than one year of work experience, please consider applying for our [ACS-Hach Second Career Teacher Scholarship](#).

Contact

- hach@acs.org
- 800-227-5558, ext. 8178

DivCHED Travel Grants

[DivCHED International Travel Award](#)

Deadline: November 30 of each year.

Announcement of Award: January 15 of the following year.

[DivCHED Travel Award \(within USA\)](#)

Join the ACS

[Membership - American Chemical Society](#)



DivCHED Other Organizations

American Association of Chemistry Teachers (AACT)

A professional community by and for K–12 teachers of chemistry.

[American Association of Chemistry Teachers](#)

Membership for teachers is \$45, and you can opt for a complimentary ACS Premium Package Membership.

National Science Digital Library (NSDL)

[National Science Digital Library | OER Commons](#)

National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)

[National Science Teachers Association](#)

Membership for new teachers is \$45 and starts at \$70 for returning members.

Thank you for viewing the Pre-College Newsletter! We encourage you to join the American Chemical Society to enjoy all the wonderful benefits the organization has to offer!.

Contact Us

Please reach out to volunteer as a committee member, hear more information, and engage with chemistry educators like you! Reach out to **Esther Hines**: ehines6302024@gmail.com

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