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Message from the Division Chair

Dear Members of COLL,

I am honored to serve this amazing division in 2025 with the support of Marina Ruths (Past-Chair), Rosa Espinosa-Marzal (Chair-Elect) and Shelley Claridge (Vice-Chair). We had two excellent programs at the ACS meetings in Denver (Fall 2024), and San Diego (Spring 2025). Thanks to your participation and the leadership of Dan Miller and Rohini Gupta, attendance at these COLL symposia was very high.



This year we are planning to host the first of what I hope will be many industrial virtual sessions on topics of interest to COLL. We will begin with a symposium on “Current Trends in Home and Personal Care” (tentatively set for October), and attendance will be open to all COLL members. Watch your email and our website for more information! If you are one of our members in industry and wish to give a talk or propose a future session, please contact Rohini Gupta (rohini.gupta@basf.com). We hope to hear more from our industry colleagues, especially those that are unable to attend meetings in person.

The abstract deadline for Spring 2026 (Atlanta) is September 29th, 2025 (<https://callforabstracts.acs.org/acsspring2026>); available symposia are listed on page 6 of this newsletter. Also, please consider joining us for the 100th ACS Colloid and Surface Science Symposium, which will be held at the University of Delaware, June 21st-24th, 2026. Plans are ongoing and detailed programming will be posted soon. We hope that these upcoming gatherings will bring together our diverse membership to engage in meaningful discussion of impactful science, as well as a bit of fun!

The deadline for organizing a symposium for the March 2027 Spring Meeting in New Orleans is June 1st, 2026. Organizing a symposium is a fantastic way to bring together scientists from interdisciplinary and interrelated backgrounds to engage in a dialogue, network, and foster collaborations. The Division provides matching funds (up to \$3,000) that can be used to help cover registration fees, travel, or social gatherings. If you are interested, please reach out to Rohini.

The Division is continuing to expand our recognition and support of outstanding members through the division awards as well as national awards. These awards include the Langmuir Lectures, the Victor K. LaMer Award, the Unilever Award, the Technology Award, the ACS Award in Colloid Chemistry, the Colloid & Surface Technology Award, the ACS Award in Surface Chemistry, the Emerging Investigator Awards (new in 2025!), the PUI Student Awards, and the ACS Colloid and Surface Science Travel Awards. Please consider applying, seeking nomination, or nominating others to these awards, so that we can fully recognize the breadth and depth of our membership and their contributions to the field of chemistry. We also wish to encourage COLL members to nominate deserving colleagues for ACS Fellow. Nominations for ACS Fellows are due April 1st annually; please contact any of us if you wish to make a nomination, or to self-nominate.

Lastly, I would like to thank and congratulate the recently elected COLL leadership who will have new or continuing roles this year, including Rosa Espinosa-Marzal (Chair-Elect), Shelley Claridge (Vice-Chair), Marc Ilies (Secretary), and Rosalynn Quiñones (Treasurer). Without the dedication of so many COLL members who volunteer their time to this fantastic division, none of this would be possible! If you are interested in getting involved in Division leadership, please contact me or anyone on our Executive Committee. We'd love to hear from you and discuss the many ways you can contribute.

Here's to another fun and productive year in colloid and surface chemistry!

Best wishes,
Jim Schneider, Carnegie Mellon University

Division Officers and Councilors

Elected Officers

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Division Website

The Division's webpage (<https://www.colloidssurfaces.org/>) is continually updated with information on upcoming meetings, award nomination deadlines, and contacts for divisional activities. Questions, requests, etc. can be submitted here: <https://www.colloidssurfaces.org/contact-us/> and the inbox is regularly monitored.



The Divisions webmaster is Chris Sims (christopher.sims@nist.gov).

Links to colloid or surface science related conferences (beyond the ones organized by COLL or ACS) can be found under “Conferences” → “Other meetings”.

The link to the history of the CSSS meetings is under “About” → “History”.



ACS Fellows 2024

Congratulations to all the newly elected ACS Fellows from the ACS Colloid Division! This prestigious honor is a testament to their outstanding contributions and unwavering dedication to the field of colloid and surface science.

The ACS Fellows Program recognizes members of the ACS for outstanding achievements in and contributions to science, the profession, and the Society. About 40 new Fellows are selected each year and the total number of ACS Fellows is 1-2% of the overall ACS membership (<https://www.acs.org/funding/awards/acs-fellows.html>)

Dr. Gerard Baillely (2024 ACS Fellow)

Contribution to the Science/Profession: Recognized as a distinguished leader at P&G, driving consumer product innovations and fostering internal connections. Has an extensive patent record that showcases advancements in cleaning technologies and sustainability initiatives.

Contribution to the ACS Community: Recognized for fostering partnerships with corporations, labs, and academia, championing ACS Scholars, sponsoring the Central Regional Meeting, and representing P&G at ACS events, leading industry-academia dialogue and fostering collaboration.



Dr. Jennifer Hollingsworth (2024 ACS Fellow)

Contribution to the Science/Profession: Recognized for pioneering contributions to nanomaterials chemistry and applications, especially discovery and elaboration of non-blinking giant quantum dots, and for inspirational mentorship with an emphasis on diversity and inclusion.

Contribution to the ACS Community: Recognized for inspired leadership within the Activities Committee, championing new initiatives such as the Convergent Chemistry Community Grant conception-to-implementation, and for dedicated service to Future-of-Meetings initiatives and Division of Colloid and Surface Chemistry nanomaterials programming.

Prof. Seughee Lee (2024 ACS Fellow)

Contribution to the Science/Profession: Recognized for outstanding contributions to biointerface science, mentoring nearly 100 undergraduate students to amass a significant publication record, and excellence in the integration of undergraduate education and research.

Contribution to the ACS Community: Recognized for dedicated service to the ACS Committee on Professional Training and for promoting excellence in chemistry at the K-12 level, the NY ACS, and in the broader community while passionately developing initiatives that foster diversity.



Prof. Angel A. Martí (2024 ACS Fellow)

Contribution to the Science/Profession: Recognized for outstanding contributions, sustained excellence, and dedication in the study of protein nanostructures and nanomaterials chemistry, and for exceptional contributions to the education of students at all levels.

Contribution to the ACS Community: Recognized for outstanding service to the ACS Division of Inorganic Chemistry as Secretary, Chair-Elect, and symposia organizer, and for promoting diversity, equity, inclusion, and respect.

Prof. Em. Kazuo Sakurai (2024 ACS Fellow)

Contribution to the Science/Profession: Recognized for fundamental and applied contributions to the discovery and characterization of supramolecular assemblies and their development as drug delivery systems with significant practical impact.

Contribution to the ACS Community: Recognized for service to ACS Colloid and Surface Chemistry Division as initiator/organizer of the annual thematic symposium on nanomedicine carriers and for serving to expand ACS COLL impact into the Japanese/Asia-Pacific colloid/polymer community.



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Dr. Chieh-Min Cheng (2025 ACS Fellow)

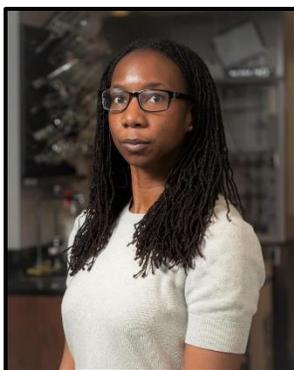
Contribution to the Science/Profession: Recognized for outstanding contributions to the novel design, synthesis, functionalization, and integration of nanoscale colloids leading to innovative applications in emulsion/aggregation toner with substantial printer reliability and energy efficiency improvements.

Contribution to the ACS Community: Recognized for impactful service in promoting stronger connections between ACS and industry, encouraging outstanding scientific contributions to colloid chemistry and enhancing students' interest in networking globally and participating in ACS Meetings.

Prof. Marina Ruths (2025 ACS Fellow)

Contribution to the Science/Profession: Recognized for contributions to the fundamental understanding of nano- and microscale tribology and adhesion, through research at different length scales of confined, self-assembling systems.

Contribution to the ACS Community: Recognized for outstanding service as Chair and as Treasurer of the ACS Division of Colloid and Surface Chemistry; as symposium organizer; and for service to ACS journals and the PRF.



Prof. Davita L. Watkins (2025 ACS Fellow)

Contribution to the Science/Profession: Recognized for distinguished contributions to the design and application of hierarchical macromolecular frameworks in advanced materials and nanotechnology.

Contribution to the ACS Community: Recognized for excellence as an active member of several ACS divisions, organizing and chairing symposia, serving as programming chair, and highlighting next-generation leaders while supporting their scientific endeavors.

Awards at ACS Spring 2025

National Award

ACS Award in Colloid Chemistry 2025

Dr. Norman J. Wagner (University of Delaware)

Dr. Wagner was recognized "For outstanding scholarship and creative contributions to colloidal suspension and interface science, rheology, neutron scattering, and novel instrumentation, as well as service to the community"



2025 Recipient Norman J. Wagner (Center) is Presented with His Award by Dorothy J. Phillips, ACS President (Left) and Sponsor Representative Long Pan (Right)

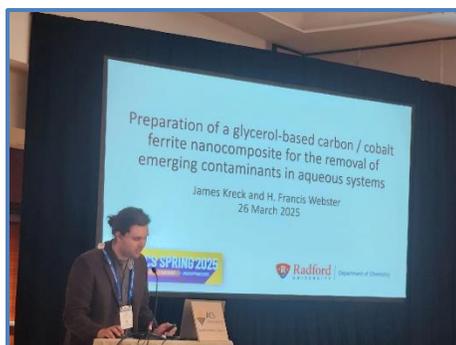
Division Awards

Colloids and Surface Technology Award 2024

Dr. Sammy Datwani (Prisma)

Dr. Datwani from Prisma gave a presentation on "Development and commercialization of a novel label-free ultra-high throughput acoustic-ejection-mass-spectrometer (AEMS): Applications for chemical and biochemical discover"

Sammy Datwani (left) is presented with his award by COLL Chair Jim Schneider (right)



PUI Award – Spring 2025

James Kreck (Radford University)

J. Kreck gave a presentation entitled "Preparation of a glycerol-based carbon/cobalt ferrite nanocomposite for the removal of emerging contaminants in aqueous systems)



Awards at the 99th Colloid & Surface Science Symposium (CSSS)

Division Awards

Unilever Award 2025

Dr. Alexandra Bayles

Dr. Bayles from the University of Delaware will give a presentation at the 2026 CSSS



Victor K. LaMer Award 2025

Dr. Christopher A. Browne

Dr. Browne (Ph.D. at Princeton University and currently postdoctoral fellow at The University of Pennsylvania) gave a presentation on "Elastic Turbulence in 3D Porous Media".

He was recognized for "the best Ph.D. dissertation in the field of colloid and surface science in the past three years".



Awards at ACS Fall 2025

Division Awards

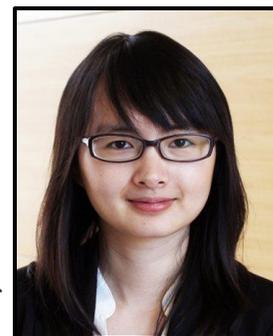
Langmuir Lectureship Award

Professors **Joseph Zasadzinski** (University of Minnesota) and **Qian Chen** (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign) were selected as the winners of the 2025 Langmuir Lectureship Award.



Prof. Joseph Zasadzinski

Prof. Zasadzinski received the award in honor of groundbreaking use of imaging methods to understand surfactant monolayers and self-assembly, and for advancing the understanding and treatment of acute respiratory distress syndrome.



Prof. Qian Chen

Prof. Chen received the award in honor of groundbreaking work in transforming electron microscopy to understand the manufacturing, interactions, and self-assembly of colloidal nanoparticles, and to provide new insights for applications.

COLL Early Investigator Awards 2025

Dr. Ashish Jayaraman (Dow Chemical)

Dr. Jayaraman is an Associate Research Scientist in R&D in Industrial Solutions at Dow. His expertise spans colloidal and interfacial science, detergency and cleaning, lignin-derived materials, and microbiology. He leads cross-disciplinary teams to enable formulation-driven innovations across multiple market segments including construction chemicals, crop solutions, and pharmaceutical excipients. Dr. Jayaraman holds a Ph. D. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Minnesota, where he studied spherical micellar packings of minimally hydrated amphiphiles using small-angle X-ray scattering.



Dr. Ashish Jayaraman

Dr. A.J. Cruz



Dr. Alexander J. Cruz (Baker Hughes)

Dr. Cruz is the Engineering and Technology Integration Leader for Climate Technology Solutions at Baker Hughes. He oversees the segment's R&D, innovation strategy, technical capability development, and sustainability initiatives. With a broad range of experience in industrial operations and R&D, He is an internationally recognized scientist and technology leader – having received the prestigious Solvay Prize for Outstanding Young Scientists, awarded by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry and the Wilhelm Ostwald Prize (in honor of the 1909 Nobel Prize Winner in Chemistry). Dr. Cruz holds a Ph.D. in materials science and engineering from KU Leuven and doctor of engineering sciences from the Free University of Brussels.

Dr. Rebecca V. Balaj (Dow Chemical)

Dr. Balaj is a Senior Research Specialist within the Core R&D Materials Discovery and Development (MDD) team within Dow Chemical championing high throughout capability development and innovation related to formulation and colloidal science. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from Columbia University and a Ph.D. in Chemistry from Penn State where her graduate work focused on reconfigurable complex droplets and later examined the non-equilibrium partitioning of surfactant molecules into micro-oil droplets. She has demonstrated extensive involvement with scientific outreach as a NASA Consortium Fellow and is a driver of continued collaboration between industry and academia.



Dr. Rebecca V. Balaj

2025 ACS Langmuir Graduate Student Award

Junyong Park (Chung-Ang University)

Jonathan Martín González (Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg)

Meenal Rathi (University of Minnesota)

Mohammadamin Rashidi (University of Alberta)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

ACS Spring 2026

Atlanta, GA, March 22nd-26th, 2026.

Abstract submission deadline: September 29th, 2025! Technical symposia organized by COLL include:



ACS Award Lectures 2026	Nanoparticles
Advanced In-Situ Imaging Methods for Colloidal Chemistry	Microplastics
Basic Research in Colloids, Surfactants and Interfaces	Nanomaterials
Biomaterials and Biointerfaces	PUNC: Nanomaterials Research at Primarily Undergraduate Institutions
Biomembrane Synthesis, Structure, Mechanics, and Dynamics	Recent Development of Polymer Surface/Interface and Polymer Thin Film Design, Preparation, Characterization, and Modeling
Colloidal Semiconductor Nanocrystals	Surface Chemistry
Colloidal Suspensions of Renewable Polymers	Nanoparticle Materials Synthesis and Self-Assembly
Global Virtual Symposium: Understanding Molecular Complexity and Emergent Behavior via Systems Chemistry	Virtual Graduate Students Symposium in Asia-Pacific Region on Biomaterials & Biointerfaces
Hybrid Functional Materials of Polymers and Inorganic	

Colloid & Surface Science Symposium 2026

University of Delaware, June 21st-24th, 2026

The ACS Colloid & Surface Science Symposium (CSSS) continues its long-standing tradition of bringing together interdisciplinary researchers from academia and industry across the globe. They convene to celebrate their common interest in particles and complex fluids, interfacial phenomena and chemistry, soft-matter science, and environmental science.

The 100th CSSS is organized by Professors Norman Wagner and Eric Furst.

ACS Fall 2026

Chicago, IL, August 23rd-27th, 2026.

Technical symposia organized by COLL will be announced soon!



COLL maintains a very active programming and welcomes symposia organized by its members. Typically, about 20 symposia are held at each ACS meeting. Over the past four ACS meetings, the number of abstracts for oral presentations has been 500-600 and the number of poster abstracts 150-200, both of which are at the same level as before the pandemic.

Please note that there will be less symposia at future national ACS meetings as the division adapts to the ACS Future of Meetings initiative.

Organize a Symposium for COLL!

ACS Spring and Fall Meetings

If you want to organize a symposium for the Spring meeting, a proposal must be sent by June 1st of the previous year. If you want to organize a symposium for the Fall meeting, a proposal must be sent by November 1st of the previous year. Proposals are now being accepted for the following ACS Meetings:



ACS Fall 2026

August 16th–20th, 2026

Chicago, IL

ACS Spring 2027

March 21st–25th, 2027

New Orleans, LA

ACS Fall 2027

August 22nd–26th, 2027

San Diego, CA

If you want to organize a symposium, please e-mail a proposal to the COLL Program Chair who will act quickly to decide on the suitability of the symposium and the best meeting to schedule it. Contact: Daniel Miller (dsmiller@dow.com) or Rohini Gupta (rohini.gupta@basf.com).

ACS Regional Meetings

COLL provides up to \$500 per symposium, with a maximum of two symposia per ACS Regional meeting, for programming that is consistent with the scientific mission of the Division with the stipulation that COLL funding must be acknowledged in the meeting program. Interested organizers of relevant symposia at future regional meetings should contact the Division's regional meetings liaison, Dr. Rosalynn Quiñones (quinonesr@marshall.edu) to request COLL support. A form is available on the Division's website under "Conferences" → "Regional meetings". All requests should identify the regional meeting, with dates and location, along with the symposium or symposia titles, a list of topics to be included, names of speakers (if known) and a statement of how Division funds will be used.

Message from the Membership Secretary

Encourage your colleagues and coauthors to become members of the Division of Colloid and Surface Chemistry (COLL)! COLL is one of the most active Divisions in the American Chemical Society with approximately 1600 members throughout the world. Scientists like yourself join the Division to benefit professionally from the exchange of scientific information between its members. Attendance and presentations at the Division's conference symposia provide excellent opportunities for professional networking and for enhanced visibility of your research. Every year, nearly 2000 research presentations are made in the COLL Division at the two ACS Meetings and the unique summer symposium of the COLL Division. As a Division member, you can also volunteer to organize a thematic technical symposium on a topic of your interest at the ACS Meetings. To learn more about our activities, fellowships, and awards, visit our webpage at <https://www.colloidssurfaces.org/>.



To join the Division, go to <https://home.acs.org/forms/s/technical-divisions?sc=TDJoinPage>. Non-ACS members can also join the Division by choosing the option "Society affiliate." If you are an ACS member, you can also log in <https://www.acs.org/> and then select "Membership & Networks," "Technical Divisions" and "Join a Division." On the application form, fill in the code 509 for the COLL division. The Division Membership Fees are: \$15 (ACS member), \$16 (ACS non-member, COLL affiliate), or \$5 (ACS student member). First-time members of ACS are eligible to join up to three Technical Division FREE for one year.

Meagan Elinski
Membership Secretary of the ACS COLL Division

Awards: Calls for Nominations

ACS Award in Colloid Chemistry (Deadline: November 1st, 2026)

Purpose: To recognize and encourage outstanding scientific contributions to colloid chemistry.

Award: The award consists of \$5,000 and a certificate. Up to \$2,500 for travel expenses to the meeting at which the award will be presented will be reimbursed.

Eligibility: The nominee must have made outstanding scientific contributions to colloid chemistry. The award will be granted regardless of race, gender, age, religion, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, presence of disabilities, and educational background.

Establishment and Support: The award was established as the ACS Award in Colloid and Surface Chemistry in 1952 and supported until 1993 by the Kendall Co. The Procter & Gamble Co. sponsored the award from 1994 to 2013. Colgate-Palmolive Company began sponsorship of the award in 2014.

Link: Nominations should be submitted directly to the ACS, see [link](#).

ACS Award in Surface Chemistry (Deadline: November 1st, 2026)

Purpose: To recognize distinguished services in the advancement of surface chemistry.

Award: The award consists of \$5,000 and a certificate. Up to \$2,500 for travel expenses to the meeting at which the award will be presented will be reimbursed.

Eligibility: A nominee must have demonstrated extensive contributions to the advancement of surface chemistry. Activities recognized by the award may include such fields as teaching, writing, research, and administration. The award will be granted regardless of race, gender, age, religion, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, presence of disabilities, and educational background.

Establishment and Support: The award was established as the Arthur W. Adamson Award for Distinguished Service in the Advancement of Surface Chemistry by Occidental Petroleum Corp. in 1991. The ACS sponsored the award from 2008 to 2010. The ACS Publications journal Langmuir and COLL sponsored the award from 2012 to 2014. The Procter & Gamble Co. began sponsoring the award in 2018.

Link: Nominations should be submitted directly to the ACS, see [link](#).

Langmuir Lectureship Awards (Deadline: January 31st, 2026)

Purpose: The Langmuir Lectureship recognizes two individuals working in the interdisciplinary field of colloid and surface chemistry. The winners will give the lectures at a dedicated symposium at the 2026 ACS Fall Meeting

Award: The award consists of \$3,000 and a plaque. In addition, up to a total of \$1500 will be provided towards travel expenses to attend the ACS Fall Meeting at which the award lectures will be presented.

Eligibility: Researchers in industry, government laboratories or academia are eligible to apply. Special consideration will be given to the impact of the individual's research accomplishments and the nominee's ability to give a dynamic lecture to a broad audience.

Establishment and Support: The award was established in 1979 by the ACS Division of Colloid & Surface Chemistry (COLL), and the award is currently co-sponsored by COLL and Langmuir.

Link: for additional information, including submission process, see [link](#).

Unilever Award for Outstanding Young Investigator in Colloid & Surfactant Science (Deadline: January 31st, 2026)

Purpose: To recognize and encourage fundamental work in colloid and/or surfactant science carried out in North America by researchers in the early stages of their careers.

Award: The award consists of \$3,000 and a plaque. Up to \$2,000 for travel expenses to the meeting at which the award is presented will be reimbursed.

Eligibility: Nominees who are within seven (7) years of receiving their Ph.D. will be eligible for the Award. The cut off date for eligibility this year will be July 1, 2018 check if this is the right year. Special consideration is given to the originality and creativity of the work and to its potential impact. The research must have been carried out in North America.

Establishment and Support: The award was established in 2003 by the Unilever Corporation.

Link: for additional information, including submission process, see [link](#).

2026 ACS Fellows Nominations (Deadline: see ACS website)

Nominations for the ACS fellowship by COLL division members should be submitted directly to the ACS at <https://www.acs.org/funding/awards/acs-fellows.html>. The deadline will be announced on the same website.

Colloid & Surface Technology Award (Deadline: January 31st, 2026)

Purpose: To recognize and encourage applied and translational work in colloid and surface science by individuals or small teams of researchers (typically 2-4) in industry, government laboratories or academia.

Award: The award consists of \$3,000 and a plaque. In addition, up to a total of \$1000 will be provided towards travel expenses for one or more speakers to attend the meeting at which the award will be presented. The winner or winning team is expected to deliver a lecture at the ACS Fall meeting.

Eligibility: Researchers in industry, government laboratories or academia are eligible to apply. Special consideration will be given to the originality and creativity of the research leading to the process or product developed and to its impact on society.

Establishment and Support: The award was established in 2020 by the ACS Division of Colloid & Surface Chemistry.

Link: for additional information, including submission process, see [link](#).

Victor K. LaMer Award for Graduate Research in Colloid and Surface Chemistry (Deadline: January 31st, 2026)

Purpose: To recognize an outstanding Ph.D. thesis accepted by a US or Canadian university during the three year period prior to the award year.

Award: The award consists of \$3,000 and a plaque. Up to \$1,500 for travel expenses to the meeting at which the award is presented will be reimbursed.

Eligibility: The award is for an outstanding Ph.D. thesis accepted by a US or Canadian university during the three-year period September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2024. check if these are the right years

Establishment and Support: The award was established in 1970.

Link: for additional information, including submission process, see [link](#).

2026 ACS Colloid and Surface Science Travel Awards (Deadline: 30 days before Early Registration Deadline)

COLL awards several travel grants of up to \$500 per PhD graduate student or postdoctoral researcher as the first author of contributed oral presentations in sessions sponsored by COLL at an ACS Spring or Fall Meeting. Applicants will be chosen on the basis of the quality of their work as evidenced by the abstract of the paper, a letter of support from their academic advisor and the travel distance. Applicants must be PhD students or postdocs at the time of the ACS Meeting. Applications from individuals from groups underrepresented in STEM fields are particularly encouraged. Both student/postdoc and advisor, domestic or foreign, must be members of COLL, not just of ACS. A student may only receive COLL Travel Award once during their PhD and postdoc. Decisions for the awards will be sent by email to the applicants before the ACS Meetings with instructions on how to receive reimbursement checks.

PUI Undergraduate Student Award (Deadline: 10 days before Call for Papers deadline)

Purpose: To invite undergraduate students and advisors from PUI (Primarily Undergraduate Institution) to contribute to the standing symposia of COLL at the ACS Spring and Fall Meetings.

Award: Student registration fee for the ACS meeting, travel support for the student (\$200), award certificate for student and advisor, student and advisor will be invited to COLL luncheon,

Eligibility: Students and advisors from PUI (Primarily Undergraduate Institution)

Establishment and Support: The award was established in 2021 by the ACS Division of Colloid & Surface Chemistry.

Link: for additional information, including submission process, see <https://www.colloidssurfaces.org/awards/>

COLL Early Investigator Awards (*new*)

American Chemical Society National Meeting



Call for Submissions

We are seeking nominations for the *COLL Early Investigator Awards*. Please submit your nomination by **February 27th, 2026**.

Purpose

The COLL Early Investigator Awards recognize the professional accomplishments and potential of early-career investigators as emerging leaders in the field of colloid and surface science across academia, industry, and national laboratories. Awardees will be honored at the COLL Early Investigator Symposium held during the Fall Meeting of the American Chemical Society to be held in Washington, DC on August 17 – 21, 2025. Should be the 2026 Fall meeting location and dates

Rules of Eligibility

- Nominees are required to be members of the COLL Division at the time of nomination.
- Their research and professional activities should align with the themes of ACS and the COLL Division.
- Nominees shall be no more than 5 years beyond the start of their independent research career (beyond Ph.D. or postdoc) from the annual nomination deadline (February 27th).
- COLL strongly encourages nominations from academic, industrial, government, and other private research organizations, both foreign and domestic, that engage in the research and development of colloidal materials.
- Nominees more than 5 years past the beginning of their independent careers will be considered in cases where the candidate has taken professional leave – in such cases, the nominating letter should contain a statement clarifying the duration and nature of the leave.

Nomination Process

Nominations are due by **February 27th, 2026**. Nominations are to be made by a mentor (e.g., Ph.D. or postdoctoral supervisor, manager, or senior colleague). Self-nominations are not permitted. ***The nomination package must be uploaded via Google Forms on the ACS COLL Division website (colloidssurfaces.org).***

In addition to contact information for the nominee and nominator, the nominator must upload a single PDF containing the following items, and collated in the following order:

1. One (1) nomination letter (no more than 3 pages) and one (1) supporting letter (no more than 2 pages) addressing the nominee's professional achievements, impact, and potential for leadership in the field of colloid and surface science. Additionally, each letter should briefly address the writer's relationship to the nominee, and their qualification for judging the potential professional impact of the nominee.
2. The nominee's current curriculum vitae (CV), including relevant information regarding educational history, professional appointments, publications, patents, awards, and professional activities (service, mentorship, educational activities, etc.)
3. A title and abstract (~300 words) of the nominee's proposed award presentation for the COLL Early Investigator Symposium

Award Announcement and Presentation

Awardees will be notified at least one week before the deadline for submission of abstracts for the ACS Fall Meeting. Awards will be presented during the ACS Fall Meeting COLL Early Investigator Symposium. In addition to an award plaque and honorarium of \$1,000, each awardee will be given the opportunity to present an invited technical talk at the symposium describing their scientific and technological accomplishments. This special symposium will be accompanied by a networking reception with the other Early Investigators, keynote speakers, and selected invited guests from the COLL community.

Getting Together

The Division's luncheon is always well attended and it is an excellent opportunity for networking. Come and meet old friends, and make new ones! We are looking forward to seeing you in Atlanta in Spring 2026!

Additional gatherings:

Executive members enjoying dinner after the EC meeting in Washington DC, Fall 2025



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Division members and newly elected ACS Fellows, Dr. Gerard Baillely and Prof. Marina Ruths, at the ACS Fellows reception, Washington DC, Fall 2025