

Presentations and Travel Opportunities for Students Working with Chemistry Department Faculty

Presenting the results of research in a public forum is a vital part of the scientific enterprise. When the body of work is sufficiently large and scientifically important, we should publish in a scientific journal. When results are more preliminary, the body of work is smaller, the audience for the work is smaller, or the results are of lesser scientific import, then we more often give an oral presentation or participate in a poster session at a scientific meeting. Most student projects fall in this second category. The Chemistry Department wants to ensure that the results of your project are presented to the scientific community.

Students who do research projects with Chemistry Department faculty members over the summer are

- Required to participate in the Family Weekend showcase of summer projects with a poster or oral presentation
- Strongly encouraged to participate in at least one of the following. You should consult with your research advisor to determine which option is most appropriate for your project.
 - SERMACS, a regional ACS meeting held in the fall. (The Chemistry Department will provide transportation and arrange group lodging to minimize costs.)
 - MARCUS, an undergraduate research showcase held at Sweet Briar College on a Saturday in October
 - Poster session at Radford University for the April local ACS meeting. (All costs of participation will be paid by the college.)
 - ACS national meeting held in the spring
 - A regional or national meeting of ASBMB, NCUR, or another scientific organization

Students who do research during the academic year are encouraged to participate in a regional or national meeting of a scientific organization if so desired by the student and faculty advisor. Students are

- Required to participate in the poster session held at Radford University for the April local ACS meeting (no cost to participate). If this meeting falls during Roanoke's final exam period, students will not be required to attend.

Financial Support

To encourage you to attend meetings which have travel or registration fees involved, the Chemistry Department will set aside \$100 for each student doing a full unit of research with a Chemistry Department faculty member. This amount will cover nearly all costs of attending a nearby meeting, such as SERMACS in the fall. It is not, however, sufficient to attend a national ACS or similar meeting. If you wish to attend such a meeting, we encourage you to seek additional funding from Student Affairs, and to consult your research advisor for other possible sources of support. Our students have been very successful in securing supplemental funding to permit trips to distant meetings. Don't hesitate to explore this option.