

# 2026

# FUTURE FACULTY

# WORKSHOP

CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS, ENGINEERING, AND BIOLOGY OF  
SOFT MATERIALS

A two-day workshop will provide mentorship and network building to **senior graduate students and postdoctoral researchers** aspiring to become independent academic faculty in the U.S. in the areas of **soft matter**, broadly defined, including chemistry, chemical engineering, materials science, and related fields. Topics will focus on the application process, interviewing, negotiating, crafting research proposals, and running a research group. Lodging, food, and reasonable travel costs will be covered.

*Notifications will be made within 4 weeks after the application deadline.*

July 14-16, 2026

FSU

APPLY BY  
MARCH 15,  
2026: [LINK](#)



Requirements: <https://forms.gle/fUS5bs2Pm7ee8Xz49>

- CV
- Personal statement
- 1 Reference letter

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