

## I&EC Division Graduate Student Award Symposium

**CALL FOR PAPERS FOR ACS Fall National Meeting, Chicago IL, Aug. 23-27, 2026**  
**ACS MAPS Submission Deadline: March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026.**

The Industrial & Engineering Chemistry (I&EC) Division of the American Chemical Society requests papers for its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Award Symposium. This is an in-person event: more details will be provided by ACS at [www.acs.org](http://www.acs.org).

This symposium allows outstanding senior graduate students to disseminate their research to the global professional community. The Division seeks research papers from the chemical or material sciences and engineering that are broadly relevant to industrial and engineering chemistry. The Division anticipates holding a one-half day symposium. Student participants will be expected to attend the free symposium awards dinner the same evening as well.

Students must first input their abstracts in the ACS MAPS abstracts system by the ACS deadline, which is **March 31, 2026**. Student authors should select the Oral Presentation Only option. See the ACS website for instructions on submitting abstracts. Selection for the symposium is competitive; students who are not accepted for the Award Symposium will have the option to present their work in the I&EC Division poster session or in the General Papers session.

Benefits and Awards: Every graduate student lead author accepted for this Symposium will be awarded free registration at the ACS student member rate, plus a ticket to the Awards dinner. All submissions and presentations will be evaluated by a panel selected by the Division. In addition, the first, second, and third place winners will receive monetary awards (\$550, 400, and \$250 respectively). To be eligible for any award, the presenter must be a student who is pursuing a graduate degree in the chemical sciences or engineering or a closely related field at the time of the symposium.

Graduate student lead authors must also ask their supervisors to email a brief letter of confirmation directly to the symposium organizers, at [iec.student.symposium@gmail.com](mailto:iec.student.symposium@gmail.com), by April 15, 2026. The letter should simply confirm that the student is currently enrolled and is the lead author responsible for the work to be presented. The confirmation letter should also indicate the student's anticipated graduation date. Preference is given to students who are nearing the conclusion of their graduate studies. No further information is needed in the support letter. Students will be notified of their acceptance by April 30, 2026.

Questions about this symposium can be directed to the organizers, again using the symposium email [iec.student.symposium@gmail.com](mailto:iec.student.symposium@gmail.com).

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