Molecular Sciences
Industrial Associates Meeting

This Industrial Associates Meeting showcases University of Chicago graduate students and postdocs in chemistry, chemical biology, biophysics, molecular engineering, and related areas to potential employers in industrial and government settings. Employers have the opportunity to promote their organization and to screen candidates in a variety of one-on-one interactions. Events include industrial presentations, speed interviews, poster sessions, and a networking reception.

The goal of this meeting is to facilitate talent acquisition for employers and career advancement for UofC graduate students and postdocs in chemistry-related disciplines.

The next Industrial Associates Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 6th, 2015.

Please contact Jessica Swanson (jmswanson@uchicago.edu) if your organization is interested in attending.
Highlights from 2014

The 2014 Industrial Associates Meeting featured over 120 students and postdoctoral fellows interacting with 21 industrial associates from national and international companies/organizations. Chemists in a range of R&D, product development, and scientific management positions highlighted their companies and career paths.

Participants sharpened their interview skills while prospective employers screened for talent during speed interviews. Breaks and lunch provided time for questions and networking, while the closing poster session and reception engaged faculty and our industrial associates alike in discussions about research, careers, and professional opportunities.
FEEDBACK

FROM EMPLOYERS

This is a very efficient way to survey a group of very talented students. It’s well worth your time. It is well organized, very busy, with little wasted time. ......................................................... IBM

Compact, well organized and informative for students! ....................................... Intel

A stimulating environment, both for the students as well as for the recruiters. Very intelligent students who are desirous of jobs across a broad section of the chemical industry. ........................................... Baxter

It was a great way to meet a lot of very talented students and post-docs -- I was impressed with the talent pool, even those not in my field. ................................................................. AbbVie

On the whole, we were quite impressed by the students we met, and we found the event itself exceptionally well run. ................................................................. D.E. Shaw Research

I would recommend the IAM to colleagues. In our specific case, it is especially valuable as a forum to expose the students to the kind of work that we do. ...................... Institute for Defense Analyses

An opportunity to meet with some very strong technical candidates in both synthetic and physical chemistry. ................................................................. Nalco, an Ecolab Company

All around great! ................................................................. Takeda

FROM PARTICIPANTS

“The IAM was a great way to begin learning about private sector opportunities for Ph.D.’s, and make a few connections in the process. Panel discussions revealed a broad range of research approaches and environments present in across several companies, and the expanded interview format was a great opportunity to get a more detailed understanding of industry research positions. The IAM was also a great place to learn about the skills industry is looking for in a new hire, as well as the kinds of interactions with academic researchers they pursue. I encourage technical Ph.D.’s at any level of training to attend IAM or any similar event. In the highly competitive modern job market, it is critically important to understand all available career opportunities.”

-- Graham Griffin (UofC postdoc)

“The IAM provided a valuable opportunity to learn about a variety of companies and make connections with company representatives. The short interviews provided great practice for the real thing, and the informal conversations at the lunch, reception and poster session were great for networking.”

-- Catherine Poor, PhD (UofC PhD and postdoc; Scientist, Protein Engineering at OPX Biotechnologies)