

ACS Careers Programs

NEW! - ACS Harvard Online Business Courses

Through a collaborative partnership with Harvard Business Publishing, ACS is offering a suite of 42 introductory online business and management skills courses through the new ACS Center for Professional Development. At \$25 per course, this offering is substantially discounted for our members. Even lower rates are available for members who are currently unemployed. Course topics include business plan development, negotiations, and marketing among others. To enroll in one of these courses or to find out more about the topics covered, go to www.acs.org/careers.

NEW! - ACS Careers Industry Forum

The ACS Careers Industry Forum is a monthly teleconference featuring luminaries from the chemical industry who speak about economic and other trends affecting employment. This is a free service of the Society. The series which debuted in September featured Dr. Magid Abou-Garbia, Senior Vice President and Head of Chemical and Screening Sciences for Wyeth Drug Discovery and Development as the first speaker who discussed strategies for a successful career in the pharmaceutical industry. Since then, the forum followed with Dr. Carolyn Ribes of Dow Benelux BV in the Netherlands who spoke about the challenges and opportunities of working abroad, and Dr. Michael Stem of Strem Chemicals Inc. who spoke about the differences between small and large companies. The upcoming forum in January will showcase incoming ACS President Dr. Thomas Lane of Dow Corning Corporation who is the Director of Global Science and Technology Outreach. To sign up for upcoming ACS Careers Industry Forum teleconferences, visit the ACS Careers Blog at acscareers.wordpress.com.

NEW! - ACS Careers News

The ACS Careers News is an HTML newsletter which is distributed to the approximately 55,000 registrants in the ACS Careers Jobs Database. The newsletter was started in February as a way to promote membership in ACS to nonmembers using the jobs database. It is also used as a method of promoting ACS Careers programs, products and services to a broad audience.

ACS Careers Blog

The ACS Careers Blog was started in October 2007. It features weekly career advice articles written by ACS members and staff. The readership of the blog has steadily increased since its inception. The number of unique readers in October 2008 was 3,993. As of October 31, there have been 79 articles posted with 100 approved reader comments. A total of 30,090 people viewed the blog in the last year.

ACS Careers Jobs Database

The ACS Careers Jobs Database is a dynamic listing of employment opportunities for people in the chemical sciences. At any given time, there are hundreds of job listings from large and small companies, academic institutions and government employers. The database allows job seekers the opportunity to browse job listings and to gather information about employers. The database also allows employers to search for qualified job candidates electronically based on key words, competencies, geographic preferences and degrees.

ACS Career Counseling

ACS Careers offers free career counseling for ACS members through the Online Career Counseling Program. In addition, ACS Career Counselors attend selected national, regional and local ACS meetings to conduct résumé reviews, mock interviews and to give career advice. There are currently 64 active ACS Career Counselors representing many different technical subdisciplines and employment sectors. This service is only available to ACS members.

ACS Careers Workshops and Career Fairs

ACS Careers offers workshops for job seekers at national, regional and selected local ACS meetings. These workshops which focus on résumé writing, interviewing and job hunting are presented by trained and certified volunteers to great effect. Hundreds of job seekers are aided by this program on a yearly basis, and job seekers frequently express their gratitude for this service. Additionally, ACS offers career fairs at national meetings for meeting attendees. Servicing 10% of meeting attendees on average, the career fairs are an important element of the national meeting program. ACS Career Fairs offer an amalgam of services to members including the workshops mentioned above, résumé reviews, mock interviews and career advice given by volunteer ACS Career Counselors.

Unemployed Status Dues Waivers & Discounts

ACS members who have been in good standing for at least one year may qualify for up to a two-year dues waiver while unemployed. During this time, they can continue to receive all the benefits of membership during their job search. See below for more information.

Special Benefits for Unemployed Members		
For 2009		
ACS National Dues	Waived	May be waived for up to two years for members in good standing
ACS National Meeting registration	Free	Interview with potential employers at ACS Career Fair
ACS Regional Meeting registration	special reduction	Greatly reduced registration -- just \$25
ACS Harvard Courses	special reduction	Buy 1 at \$25, get three courses free
ACS Network	Free	Online community where you can connect with potential employers and other colleagues around the globe.
ACS Salary Comparator	Free	Members-only guide to salaries currently being paid to ACS chemists
ACS Careers Consultants	Free	Get help from the pros with resume preparation, interview techniques, salary negotiation, job search strategies, career transitions, and more.
ACS Leadership Development System	as low as \$25	Members-only courses that sharpen your leadership skills and increase your marketability as a chemical professional
Prospectives & Short Courses	special reduction	Unemployed members qualify for the academic rate ate 50% off list price.