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Message from the Division Chair

Dear Members of COLL,

I am honored to serve this amazing division in 2026 with the support of Jim Schneider (Past-Chair), Shelley Claridge (Chair-Elect) and Dan Miller (Vice-Chair), and the entire COLL Executive Committee. We had two excellent programs at the ACS meetings in San Diego (Spring 2025), and Washington D.C. (Fall 2025). Thanks to your participation and the leadership of Dan Miller and Rohini Gupta, attendance at these COLL symposia was very high.



COLL organized the inaugural (virtual) industry symposium “**Surfactants in Everyday Life**” to foster discussions and collaborations among industry, academia, and national labs on November 19th, 2025. We hosted 7 distinguished speakers across industries and approximately 50 attendees at this virtual meeting; we received positive feedback from both speakers and the audience alike. The credit for this success goes to the organizers Dr. Aditi Chakrabarti and Dr. Ashish Jayaraman, who shouldered the lion-share of organizational responsibilities. Going forward, we will organize this annual symposium during Fall National Meetings. We are also planning to institute an Industry Advisory Board for the division and look forward to support from our industry colleagues. If you are one of our members in industry and wish to get engaged with the COLL Division, please contact Rohini Gupta (rohini.gupta@basf.com). If you are not a member already, please join us!

The **abstract deadline** for Fall 2026 (Chicago) is March 30th, 2026 (<https://callforabstracts.acs.org/acsfall2026>); available symposia are listed on page 6 of this newsletter. The 100th ACS Colloid and Surface Science Symposium will be held at the University of Delaware, June 21st-24th, 2026. The deadline for organizing a symposium for the 2027 Spring Meeting in New Orleans is June 1st, 2026. Organizing a symposium is a fantastic way to bring together scientists from interdisciplinary and interrelated backgrounds to engage in a dialogue, network, and foster collaborations. COLL matches funds secured from external sources (up to \$3,000) that can be used to help cover registration fees, travel, or social gatherings. We hope that these upcoming gatherings will bring together our diverse membership to engage in meaningful discussions of impactful science, as well as a bit of fun!

The Division is continuing to expand our recognition and support of outstanding members through the division awards as well as national awards. These awards include the Langmuir Lectures, the Victor K. LaMer Award, the Unilever Award, the Technology Award, the ACS Award in Colloid Chemistry, the Colloid & Surface Technology Award, the ACS Award in Surface Chemistry, the Emerging Investigator Awards, the PUI Student Awards, and the ACS Colloid and Surface Science Travel Awards. Please consider applying, seeking nomination, or nominating others to these awards, so that we can fully recognize the breadth and depth of our membership and their contributions to the field of chemistry. We also wish to encourage COLL members to nominate deserving colleagues for ACS Fellow. Nominations for ACS Fellows are due April 1st annually; please contact any of us if you wish to make a nomination, or to self-nominate.

Lastly, I would like to thank and congratulate the recently elected COLL leadership who will have new or continuing roles this year, including Dan Miller (Vice-Chair), Marc Ilies (Secretary), Reza Foudazi (Program Vice-Chair), Qian Chen (Awards Vice-Chair), Deborah Leckband (Councilor), Michael Bevan (Alternate Councilor), and Silvana Andreescu (Member-at-Large). Without the dedication of so many COLL members who volunteer their time to this fantastic division, none of this would be possible! If you are interested in getting involved in Division leadership, please contact me or anyone on our Executive Committee. We’d love to hear from you and discuss the many ways you can contribute.

Here’s to another fun and productive year in colloid and surface chemistry!

Best wishes,

Rosa Maria Espinosa Marzal, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Division Officers and Councilors

Elected Officers

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Division Website

The Division's webpage (<https://www.colloidssurfaces.org/>) is continually updated with information on upcoming meetings, award nomination deadlines, and contacts for divisional activities. Questions, requests, etc. can be submitted here: <https://www.colloidssurfaces.org/contact-us/> and the inbox is regularly monitored.



The Divisions webmaster is Chris Sims (christopher.sims@nist.gov).

Links to colloid or surface science related conferences (beyond the ones organized by COLL or ACS) can be found under "Conferences" → "Other meetings".

The link to the history of the CSSS meetings is under "About" → "History".



Meet the New Division Leadership



Dr. Silvana Andreescu is the Egon Matijević Endowed Chair in Chemistry and Professor of Bioanalytical Chemistry at Clarkson. Her research interests are in the areas of bioanalytical chemistry, electrochemistry, biosensing and environmental nanotechnology. In addition to her research, she is committed to the success of her students and fellow researchers in their career, obtaining rewarding positions in industry or academia. She is looking forward to contributing to the COLL mission by serving as member-at-large.

Dr. Eric Borguet is the Hazel Tomlinson Professor of Chemistry at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA. Chemical and physical processes at surfaces and interfaces are the principal focus of his ongoing research program at Temple University. His research activities have resulted in over 170 peer-reviewed publications, in excess of 330 invited talks, and more than 300 contributed presentations. He will serve as COLL-PUI Award Chair.



Dr. Qian Chen is currently a full professor and Racheff Scholar in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering (MatSE) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her research aims to elucidate the fundamental rules governing the spatiotemporal complexities of synthetic materials and biological systems. She will serve as Awards Committee Vice Chair

Dr. Reza Foudazi is an Associate Professor in the Department of Chemical, Biological and Materials Engineering at the University of Oklahoma. His research activities involve the study of self-assembly of amphiphilic molecules, templating approach for synthesis of porous polymers, and rheology of soft matter, with the long-term goal of producing responsive multifunctional materials for sustainability and environmental applications. He will serve as Program Vice Chair.



Dr. Lilian Hsiao is an Associate Professor and University Faculty Scholar in the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at North Carolina State University. Her research interests are in the areas of soft materials and complex fluids – specifically on the use of shaped colloids and functionalized polymer surface. She will serve as LaMer Award Chair.

Dr. Christopher Wirth is an Associate Professor in the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at Case School of Engineering. His lab focuses on complex fluids, colloids, and interfacial science, all of which are materials or phenomena profoundly relevant to coatings, food, chemical products, and batteries. He will serve as Program Chair for National Awards.



Upcoming Events and Deadlines

ACS Fall 2026

Chicago, IL, August 23rd-27th, 2026.

Abstract submission deadline: March 30th, 2026! Technical symposia organized by COLL include:



2025 ACS National Award in Colloid Chemistry - Symposium in Honor of Dmitri Talapin (Invited)	Frontiers in Enhanced Oil Recovery: Chemistry, Sustainability, and Emerging Technologies
Atomically Precise Nanomaterials: Connecting Coordination, Cluster, Colloidal, and Crystal Chemistry	Fundamental Research in Colloids, Surfaces and Nanomaterials
Basic Research in Colloids, Surfactants and Interfaces	Catalyzing Sustainability Through Industry-Academia Collaboration
Biomaterials and Biointerfaces	Langmuir Lectureship and Colloid and Surface Technology Award Lectures (Invited)
Carbon-based Nanomaterials: From Fundamental Insights to Applications	Nanomaterials
COLL Early Investigator Award Lectures (Invited)	Porous Polymers
Colloidal Semiconductor Nanocrystals	Surface Chemistry
Combinatorial Synthesis and Nanomaterial Megalibraries: From Materials Discovery to Clean Energy Applications	Symposium in Honor of the Life and Achievements of Gabor Somorjai
Electrochemical Interfaces	Atomically Precise Nanomaterials: Connecting Coordination, Cluster, Colloidal, and Crystal Chemistry
Frontiers and Challenges in Nanoparticle-Mediated Chemical Transformations	Surface Chemistry

Colloid & Surface Science Symposium 2026

University of Delaware, June 21st-24th, 2026

The ACS Colloid & Surface Science Symposium (CSSS) continues its long-standing tradition of bringing together interdisciplinary researchers from academia and industry across the globe. They convene to celebrate their common interest in particles and complex fluids, interfacial phenomena and chemistry, soft-matter science, and environmental science.

The 100th CSSS is organized by Professors Norman Wagner and Eric Furst.

ACS Spring 2027

New Orleans, March 21st-25th, 2026.

Technical symposia organized by COLL will be announced soon!



COLL maintains a very active programming and welcomes symposia organized by its members. Typically, about 20 symposia are held at each ACS meeting. Over the past four ACS meetings, the number of abstracts for oral presentations has been 500-600 and the number of poster abstracts 150-200, both of which are at the same level as before the pandemic.

Please note that there will be less symposia at future national ACS meetings as the division adapts to the ACS Future of Meetings initiative.

Organize a Symposium for COLL!

ACS Spring and Fall Meetings

If you want to organize a symposium for the Spring meeting, a proposal must be sent by June 1st of the previous year. If you want to organize a symposium for the Fall meeting, a proposal must be sent by November 1st of the previous year. Proposals are now being accepted for the following ACS Meetings:



ACS Spring 2027
March 21st–25th, 2027
New Orleans, LA

ACS Fall 2027
August 22nd–26th, 2027
San Diego, CA

If you want to organize a symposium, please e-mail a proposal to the COLL Program Chair who will act quickly to decide on the suitability of the symposium and the best meeting to schedule it. Contact: Daniel Miller (dsmiller@dow.com) or Rohini Gupta (rohini.gupta@basf.com).

ACS Regional Meetings

COLL provides up to \$500 per symposium, with a maximum of two symposia per ACS Regional meeting, for programming that is consistent with the scientific mission of the Division with the stipulation that COLL funding must be acknowledged in the meeting program. Interested organizers of relevant symposia at future regional meetings should contact the Division's regional meetings liaison, Dr. Rosalynn Quiñones (quinonesr@marshall.edu) to request COLL support. A form is available on the Division's website under "Conferences" → "Regional meetings". All requests should identify the regional meeting, with dates and location, along with the symposium or symposia titles, a list of topics to be included, names of speakers (if known) and a statement of how Division funds will be used.

Symposia Organized with the Support of COLL in 2025

Spring 2025:

Colloidal Nanoparticle Synthesis and Assembly
Biomimetic and bioinspired design and assembly of nanostructures, materials and devices
Structure and Dynamics of Polymer in Solutions and at Interfaces
Responsive Colloidal Networks
Surface Chemistry of Colloidal Nanocrystals: A Tribute to the Legacy of Dr. Dong Qin
Surface, Interface and Coating Materials
Colloidal semiconductor nanocrystals (including perovskite nanocrystals)
PUNC: Nanomaterials Research at Primarily Undergraduate Institutions
Industry-Academia Dialogue sponsored by DOW

Fall 2025

Mentoring Undergraduate Surface Science Research
Atomically Precise Nanomaterials: Connecting Coordination, Cluster, Colloidal, and Crystal Chemistry
Frontiers and Challenges in Nanoparticle-Mediated Chemical Transformations
Symposium on Active and Responsive Matter at ACS Fall 2025 National meeting

Message from the Membership Secretary

We are pleased to share that COLL membership continues to grow, with our division now numbering approximately 1,700 members. This increase since the COVID-19 period reflects renewed engagement and the continued vitality of our community. We encourage members and prospective members to visit the COLL division table at ACS meetings to learn more about our activities and opportunities to get involved. We thank our members for their participation and look forward to continued growth in the year ahead.



Encourage your colleagues and coauthors to become members of the Division of Colloid and Surface Chemistry (COLL)! COLL is one of the most active Divisions in the American Chemical Society. Scientists like yourself join the Division to benefit professionally from the exchange of scientific information between its members. Attendance and presentations at the Division's conference symposia provide excellent opportunities for professional networking and for enhanced visibility of your research. Every year, nearly 2000 research presentations are made in the COLL Division at the two ACS Meetings and the unique summer symposium of the COLL Division. As a Division member, you can also volunteer to organize a thematic technical symposium on a topic of your interest at the ACS Meetings. To learn more about our activities, fellowships, and awards, visit our webpage at <https://www.colloidssurfaces.org/>.

To join the Division, go to <https://home.acs.org/forms/s/technical-divisions?sc=TDJoinPage>. Non-ACS members can also join the Division by choosing the option "Society affiliate." If you are an ACS member, you can also log in <https://www.acs.org/> and then select "Membership & Networks," "Technical Divisions" and "Join a Division." On the application form, fill in the code 509 for the COLL division. The Division Membership Fees are: \$15 (ACS member), \$16 (ACS non-member, COLL affiliate), or \$5 (ACS student member). First-time members of ACS are eligible to join up to three Technical Division FREE for one year.

Meagan Elinski
Membership Secretary of the ACS COLL Division

Awards: Calls for Nominations

ACS Award in Colloid Chemistry (Deadline: November 1st, 2026)

Purpose: To recognize and encourage outstanding scientific contributions to colloid chemistry.

Award: The award consists of \$5,000 and a certificate. Up to \$2,500 for travel expenses to the meeting at which the award will be presented will be reimbursed.

Eligibility: The nominee must have made outstanding scientific contributions to colloid chemistry. The award will be granted regardless of race, gender, age, religion, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, presence of disabilities, and educational background.

Establishment and Support: The award was established as the ACS Award in Colloid and Surface Chemistry in 1952 and supported until 1993 by the Kendall Co. The Procter & Gamble Co. sponsored the award from 1994 to 2013. Colgate-Palmolive Company began sponsorship of the award in 2014.

Link: Nominations should be submitted directly to the ACS, see [link](#).

ACS Award in Surface Chemistry (Deadline: November 1st, 2026)

Purpose: To recognize distinguished services in the advancement of surface chemistry.

Award: The award consists of \$5,000 and a certificate. Up to \$2,500 for travel expenses to the meeting at which the award will be presented will be reimbursed.

Eligibility: A nominee must have demonstrated extensive contributions to the advancement of surface chemistry. Activities recognized by the award may include such fields as teaching, writing, research, and administration. The award will be granted regardless of race, gender, age, religion, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, presence of disabilities, and educational background.

Establishment and Support: The award was established as the Arthur W. Adamson Award for Distinguished Service in the Advancement of Surface Chemistry by Occidental Petroleum Corp. in 1991. The ACS sponsored the award from 2008 to 2010. The ACS Publications journal Langmuir and COLL sponsored the award from 2012 to 2014. The Procter & Gamble Co. began sponsoring the award in 2018.

Link: Nominations should be submitted directly to the ACS, see [link](#).

2026 ACS Colloid and Surface Science Travel Awards (Deadline: 30 days before Early Registration Deadline)

COLL awards several travel grants of up to \$500 per PhD graduate student or postdoctoral researcher as the first author of contributed oral presentations in sessions sponsored by COLL at an ACS Spring or Fall Meeting. Applicants will be chosen on the basis of the quality of their work as evidenced by the abstract of the paper, a letter of support from their academic advisor and the travel distance. Applicants must be PhD students or postdocs at the time of the ACS Meeting. Applications from individuals from groups underrepresented in STEM fields are particularly encouraged. Both student/postdoc and advisor, domestic or foreign, must be members of COLL, not just of ACS. A student may only receive COLL Travel Award once during their PhD and postdoc. Decisions for the awards will be sent by email to the applicants before the ACS Meetings with instructions on how to receive reimbursement checks.

PUI Undergraduate Student Award (Deadline: 10 days before Call for Papers deadline)

Purpose: To invite undergraduate students and advisors from PUI (Primarily Undergraduate Institution) to contribute to the standing symposia of COLL at the ACS Spring and Fall Meetings.

Award: Student registration fee for the ACS meeting, travel support for the student (\$200), award certificate for student and advisor, student and advisor will be invited to COLL luncheon,

Eligibility: Students and advisors from PUI (Primarily Undergraduate Institution)

Establishment and Support: The award was established in 2021 by the ACS Division of Colloid & Surface Chemistry.

Link: for additional information, including submission process, see <https://www.colloidssurfaces.org/awards/>

2026 ACS Fellows Nominations (Deadline: see ACS website)

Nominations for the ACS fellowship by COLL division members should be submitted directly to the ACS at <https://www.acs.org/funding/awards/acs-fellows.html>. The deadline will be announced on the same website.

COLL Early Investigator Awards (*new*)

American Chemical Society National Meeting



Call for Submissions

We are seeking nominations for the *COLL Early Investigator Awards*. Please submit your nomination by **February 27th, 2026**.

Purpose

The COLL Early Investigator Awards recognize the professional accomplishments and potential of early-career investigators as emerging leaders in the field of colloid and surface science across academia, industry, and national laboratories. Awardees will be honored at the COLL Early Investigator Symposium held during the Fall Meeting of the American Chemical Society to be held in Washington, DC on August 17 – 21, 2025. Should be the 2026 Fall meeting location and dates

Rules of Eligibility

- Nominees are required to be members of the COLL Division at the time of nomination.
- Their research and professional activities should align with the themes of ACS and the COLL Division.
- Nominees shall be no more than 5 years beyond the start of their independent research career (beyond Ph.D. or postdoc) from the annual nomination deadline (February 27th).
- COLL strongly encourages nominations from academic, industrial, government, and other private research organizations, both foreign and domestic, that engage in the research and development of colloidal materials.
- Nominees more than 5 years past the beginning of their independent careers will be considered in cases where the candidate has taken professional leave – in such cases, the nominating letter should contain a statement clarifying the duration and nature of the leave.

Nomination Process

Nominations are due by **February 27th, 2026**. Nominations are to be made by a mentor (e.g., Ph.D. or postdoctoral supervisor, manager, or senior colleague). Self-nominations are not permitted. ***The nomination package must be uploaded via Google Forms on the ACS COLL Division website (colloidssurfaces.org).***

In addition to contact information for the nominee and nominator, the nominator must upload a single PDF containing the following items, and collated in the following order:

1. One (1) nomination letter (no more than 3 pages) and one (1) supporting letter (no more than 2 pages) addressing the nominee's professional achievements, impact, and potential for leadership in the field of colloid and surface science. Additionally, each letter should briefly address the writer's relationship to the nominee, and their qualification for judging the potential professional impact of the nominee.
2. The nominee's current curriculum vitae (CV), including relevant information regarding educational history, professional appointments, publications, patents, awards, and professional activities (service, mentorship, educational activities, etc.)
3. A title and abstract (~300 words) of the nominee's proposed award presentation for the COLL Early Investigator Symposium

Award Announcement and Presentation

Awardees will be notified at least one week before the deadline for submission of abstracts for the ACS Fall Meeting. Awards will be presented during the ACS Fall Meeting COLL Early Investigator Symposium. In addition to an award plaque and honorarium of \$1,000, each awardee will be given the opportunity to present an invited technical talk at the symposium describing their scientific and technological accomplishments. This special symposium will be accompanied by a networking reception with the other Early Investigators, keynote speakers, and selected invited guests from the COLL community.