The goal of the ACS Bridge Program is to increase the number of students from underrepresented minority groups obtaining a Ph.D. in the chemical sciences. The ACS Bridge Program offers students who have not applied to graduate school, or who have applied but were not accepted:

- A free common application that will be shared with multiple institutions
- A program to strengthen your application to Ph.D. programs and the ability to be directly accepted into Ph.D. programs
- Connections to caring faculty who can serve as mentors
- Opportunities to network with other students in the ACS Bridge Program

The ACS Bridge Program and the ACS Bridge Travel Awards of the ACS Bridge Project are parts of The NSF INCLUDES Alliance: Inclusive Graduate Education Network (IGEN). The goal of this alliance is to increase the participation of underrepresented minority (URM) students who enter graduate or doctorate level programs in the physical sciences. For more information about IGEN visit: www.IGENetwork.org.

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Tips for prospective Ph.D. students in the chemical sciences:

- Discuss your graduate school plans with several mentors
- Have some research experience to demonstrate potential for graduate education success
- Start your application early
- Choose reference letter writers early and inform them about your graduate school plans

“A chemistry community that values and prioritizes diversity and inclusion will be able to fully leverage the transforming power of our science to improve the world. The ACS Bridge program provides a robust mechanism for increasing diversity and inclusion in the chemical sciences at the graduate level, one of several key entry points into the chemical enterprise.”

Terri Chambers, ACS, Director of Learning and Career Development

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