

**Leadership Skills Workshop for Graduate Students and Postdocs
at the 31st Annual Meeting of the Council for Chemical Research
Atlanta GA, April 18-21, 2010**

Travel funds available

Call for Nominations – Deadline March 9

The Council for Chemical Research (CCR) invites CCR representatives to nominate outstanding graduate students and postdoctoral fellows for travel funds to attend a Leadership Skills Workshop at CCR's 31st Annual Meeting, which will be held in Atlanta GA on April 18-21, 2010. The graduate student and postdoctoral attendees will also be welcome to participate in all aspects of the CCR Annual Meeting itself, including plenary sessions, parallel breakout sessions, award ceremonies, meals, and social events. Attending this conference will significantly enhance the student's professional development by giving them an opportunity to improve their leadership skills, to interact with research leaders from industry, academia, and government, and to be exposed to high-level discussions about important national research issues. About 20 students will be selected, and they will also participate as facilitators in the meeting's breakout sessions, providing them hands-on experience in meeting facilitation and direct involvement in the discussion of the most current and important chemical research topics. Graduate student and postdoctoral attendees at past CCR Annual Meetings found them to be a highly valuable and educational experience.

The Workshop will be facilitated by professionals from COACH, a program that helps empower scientists and engineers to achieve their full potential at the undergraduate, graduate and professional level. For more information, visit <http://coach.uoregon.edu/>.

The theme of the CCR meeting is "**The Business of Purification: Critical Challenges, Responsible Solutions.**" A copy of the meeting Program can be found at:

<http://www.ccrhq.org/council-chemical-research-31st-annual-meeting>

The travel funds will pay for reasonable air fare, hotel, and meal costs to attend the meeting.

Nomination Process

- ◇ **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: March 9**
- ◇ Participation limited to postdocs and advanced Ph.D. candidates in the chemical sciences
- ◇ Nominations of women and persons from underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged
- ◇ Nominations must include the following:
 - ✓ Name of nominees
 - ✓ Mailing address, telephone number, fax number (if available), and email address of nominee
 - ✓ Academic record of nominee
 - ✓ A short statement of the nominee's professional status (i.e., progress toward degree)

- ✓ A one-page essay written by the nominee on why he/she would like to attend the conference and how they think attending will contribute to their knowledge and professional development.
- ✓ A letter of recommendation from the nominee's research advisor, department head, or CCR Representative.

Nominations should be submitted by fax or email to:

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Successful applicants will be chosen by the CCR Annual Meeting Committee based on the applicant's qualifications. The number of students selected from any one institution will be limited in order to ensure fairness and equity.

When recipients of travel funds submit their travel expenses for reimbursement, they will be required to submit a one-page report describing how the conference influenced them and their research, teaching and career plans.

Expenses Covered:

- ◇ Coach airfare and airport shuttles
- ◇ Hotel room and tax for up to three nights (students will share rooms with others of the same gender)
- ◇ Meals as provided to all meeting attendees