

Request for Proposal for the Graduate Fellowships in Organic Chemistry

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How to submit your response: Please submit your proposal online and include **reference Code: RFP-26-RD-101**. On the page, select "Letter of Request" and then "Consolidated Letter of Request."

Due date	Response due on or before May 22, 2026.
Rationale for RFP	BMS has sponsored Graduate Research Fellowships in Organic Chemistry for over 27 years. BMS aims to encourage excellence in education and research in organic synthesis by providing funds to support graduate students in chemistry doctoral programs at institutions in the United States. Through this Program, BMS hopes to support research in synthetic organic chemistry, an integral discipline in the discovery and development of transformational medicines.
Criteria for selection	<p>Organic chemistry focus: This award is intended for students whose doctoral studies are primarily in the field of organic chemistry including synthetic methodology development, natural product synthesis, computational prediction of chemical synthesis and construction of both small and large molecule chemical biology tools.</p> <p>Year of study: The award is intended for students entering their third or fourth year graduate studies in the Fall of 2026. The award is intended for students who will be enrolled for the 2026-2027 full academic year.</p> <p>Academic achievement: The award is intended for students who have demonstrated the highest academic achievement.</p> <p>Research accomplishments and innovation: The award is intended for students who have demonstrated a level of research accomplishment (i.e., significant progress in their doctoral research, published papers, etc.) and a strong level of innovation in their research endeavors.</p> <p>Leadership and Outreach: Student applications should indicate leadership and STEM outreach activities in their curriculum vitae and/or advisor letter, as this is one aspect of the selection criteria.</p> <p>*Please note: We ask for no more than two nominations from participating chemistry departments.</p> <p>**Applicants who have full fellowship funding sources for the 2026-2027 academic year are not eligible (e.g. NSF Fellowship)</p>
Applications need the following:	Recommendation letter from Advisor or Department Chair, current curriculum vitae, and 2-3 page summary of the student's current and future research. Please provide in pdf format. Please note that applications must be submitted by the institution and funds awarded are paid to the institution and not to an individual.
Award information	The Fellowships are awarded annually to senior level graduate students whose research projects involve substantial training in synthetic organic chemistry. The \$39,000 Fellowship award is



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	designed to provide \$34,000 towards the direct costs of the student's education and stipend, and \$5,000 to their faculty supervisor to cover the cost of equipment and supplies. Selected students will be invited to present their research at a BMS sponsored Symposium in the Spring of 2027.
Selection timing	We anticipate completing the selection process and contacting the awardees by early August 2026.