

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-20-RD-001**. On the page, select "How to Apply" on the left, and then Letter of Request in preferred Language.

Due date	Response due on or before June 1, 2020. Please note that no extensions will be granted.
Rationale for RFP	BMS has sponsored Fellowships in Organic Chemistry for over 30 years. BMS aims to continue to encourage excellence in education and in research in organic synthesis by providing funds to support the research of graduate students that have received PhD in Chemistry located in the United States. Through this Program, BMS hopes to support research in synthetic organic chemistry, and integral field for the discovery and development of transformational drugs.
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, and construction of both small and large molecular chemical biology tools.</p> <p>Year of study: The award is intended for students entering their third, fourth or fifth year graduate studies.</p> <p>Academic achievement: The award is intended for those students who have demonstrated the highest academic achievement.</p> <p>Research accomplishments and innovation: The award is ideally intended for those students who have already 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>*Please note: We ask for no more than two nominations from participating chemistry departments.</p>
Applications need the following:	Recommendation letter from Advisor or 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 \$35,000 Fellowship award is designed to provide \$30,000 towards the direct costs of the student's education and \$5,000 to their faculty supervisor to cover the cost of equipment and supplies.
Selection timing	We anticipate that we will complete the selection process and contact the awardees by the end of June.