




CAS FUTURE LEADERS™

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

CAS Future Leaders is a prestigious program that provides opportunities for early-career scientists to learn leadership skills, engage in scientific discourse, and connect with peer scientists and innovators from around the world.

Established in 2010 by CAS, a division of the American Chemical Society (ACS), the CAS Future Leaders program is a coveted opportunity for Ph.D. students and postdoctoral scholars in chemistry and related sciences, drawing hundreds of applications from all over the world every year. In 2026, 32 CAS Future Leaders will be selected to participate in the immersive, in-person program, and an additional 68 outstanding applicants will be awarded virtual training opportunities in the CAS Future Leaders Top 100 program.



“From hundreds of applicants, we mindfully select individuals who are accomplished scientists and also demonstrate leadership in their communities—improving people’s lives in various ways.”

Dr. Peter Carlton
CAS Future Leaders Program Director

Why is the CAS Future Leaders program necessary?

Early-career scientists need to cultivate a complementary set of skills alongside their scientific pursuits. CAS Future Leaders is a global program designed to support the growth and maximize the impact of the next generation of scientists by providing opportunities for them to take part in science leadership training, network with global peers, and build connections with industry thought leaders.

What are the program benefits?

The 2026 CAS Future Leaders receive:



Trip to CAS headquarters in Columbus, Ohio

A week-long trip that includes exclusive training from industry experts, including science storytelling, leadership strategies, and mentorship; learning how CAS connects the world's scientific knowledge.



Trip to the ACS Fall meeting in Chicago, Illinois

An opportunity to share their latest research to advance scientific knowledge and to make meaningful connections with peer scientists.



3-years ACS membership



An honorarium of \$1,000



Lifetime membership in the CAS Future Leaders Alumni Community

CAS Future Leaders in numbers

Since **2010**, the program has selected **400** CAS Future Leaders from **39** different countries/regions.

Learn more at cas.org/futureleaders



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