

# 2025

A Strategic Year of  
Activation and Growth



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## CEO's Message

# Advancing Together

2025 was an action-packed year for the American Chemical Society (ACS). Among the most impactful efforts was the release of the [ACS Strategic Plan 2025-2029](#) – a roadmap developed with input from our Board of Directors, our members, and our staff. With goals around elevating the reputation of science, enhancing community engagement, empowering scientists and delivering innovative solutions, our global community embraced the new plan with remarkable energy.

Building public trust in science is crucial now more than ever, and we engaged wholeheartedly across the Society to elevate the reputation of science. In-person and virtual visits with members of Congress and their staff were conducted to promote science. In addition, our ACS flagship social media audience grew with an increase of more than 500% in net new fans on Instagram, a 15% increase on LinkedIn, and a 100% increase on Facebook compared with 2024.

We experienced significant achievements on a global scale toward enhancing community engagement. The first ACS Global Scientific Conference, held in partnership with the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay in October, drew more than 1,300 attendees from 19 countries. In addition, ACS staff interacted



**Albert G. Horvath**

Chief Executive Officer,  
American Chemical Society

with more than 200 faculty members and students at five universities in South Africa, sharing information about ACS.

Disruptions in federal funding for scientific research threatened to impede the STEM workforce development pipeline. In response, we launched a one-time \$2.5-million initiative to support graduate students whose research had been disrupted because of terminated or cancelled research grants. Fifty-six students were funded for a total of more than \$1.4 million. We also launched the Catalyst Scholarship program that will award 200 scholarships of \$10,000 each beginning in 2026 – doubling the scale of our annual undergraduate scholarship support. These funding initiatives are critical to empower the development of scientists.

To advance science, we worked to deliver new and more powerful innovative solutions. CAS added significant value to researchers'

workflows by leveraging artificial intelligence in products such as CAS SciFinder® and CAS BioFinder™. Two new interdisciplinary journals that expanded the range of science ACS publishes were added to our portfolio as well.

We closed a very busy 2025 on a high note with the celebration of our 150th anniversary at PacifiChem. This kickoff event launched a year-long celebration of looking back at chemistry's service to humanity, and forward to its ability to solve the world's most pressing challenges. It's truly an affirmation of our commitment to improve all lives through the transforming power of chemistry.

I look forward to continuing the celebrations for our sesquicentennial milestone with you in 2026.

**Albert G. Horvath**

Chief Executive Officer,  
American Chemical Society

## A Strategic Year of Activation and Growth

This year, ACS led key initiatives that expanded membership, reinforced scientific leadership, accelerated innovation, and built critical pathways for the next generation of chemists.

In 2025, ACS advanced its mission on every front. We advocated for science funding when it was under significant pressure, supported more than 260,000 of our global community members, and launched scholarships designed to expand access to

chemistry careers. We developed new tools that accelerate the pace of discovery and deepened partnerships that extend ACS' reach to scientists in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

The following highlights are organized around the four strategic goals guiding ACS through 2029: Elevate the Reputation of Science, Enhance Community Engagement, Empower Scientists, and Deliver Innovative Solutions.





## Strategic Goal 1

# Elevate the Reputation of Science

Communicate the positive impact of chemistry on society to strengthen public trust in science.

Targeted advocacy, record media coverage, and the National Science Foundation (NSF) anniversary engagement all reinforced ACS' leadership in communicating the value of science in 2025. Through consistent, credible engagement across congressional offices, digital platforms, and the scientific community, ACS worked to strengthen public trust in science at a moment when that trust matters enormously.

## Act4Chemistry: Members as Advocates

In 2025, the Act4Chemistry volunteer advocacy program sent nine alerts on issues ranging from research and development funding to the federal government shutdown. The ACS community responded by sending more than 6,800 emails to congressional



members and policymakers, and, as a result, more than 77% of House and Senate members heard from ACS members in 2025. This grassroots outreach combined with ACS' other advocacy efforts contributed to tangible outcomes: funding for many science agencies was finalized in January 2026 with smaller reductions than the administration had proposed, and the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) maintained funding despite calls for its elimination.

## U.S. Congressional Advocacy and Science Communication

In 2025, ACS engaged Congress on multiple fronts. The ACS Board of Directors held more than 20 meetings with members of Congress on June 11, and a new virtual Hill visit pilot generated 11 additional congressional meetings, extending advocacy reach without requiring travel to Washington, D.C. ACS sent 16 letters to Congress – some sent in coalition with American Chemistry Council, American Institute of Chemical Engineers, and other partners – addressing funding for CSB, patent eligibility reform, and full funding of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention. ACS also sponsored several briefings covering STEM education accountability and basic research

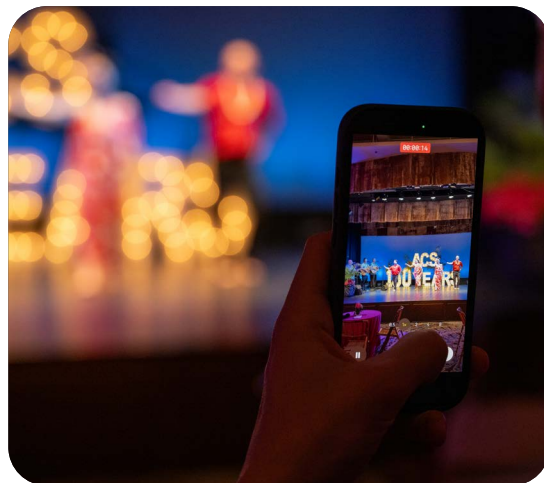
funding, as well as a reception with the Congressional Chemistry Caucus on the chemistry of distilled spirits.

ACS invested in building advocacy capacity across the scientific community. At ACS Fall 2025, more than 350 attendees practiced communication and advocacy skills through mock congressional meetings and case study workshops. The follow-up webinar, “Science in Session: Speaking Simply to Congress,” drew 536 registrants.

## U.S. Federal Agency Engagement

ACS maintained an active presence with federal agencies in 2025. As part of the Coalition for National Science Funding, ACS celebrated the National Science Foundation’s (NSF)





75th anniversary at a Capitol Hill reception showcasing NSF-funded research. ACS also submitted formal comments urging the EPA to maintain the 2009 Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding, responded to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy on the potential of artificial intelligence (AI) in the chemical enterprise and the importance of protecting intellectual property. Congratulatory letters were also sent to new senior administration leaders, opening a line of communication at a moment

when federal science priorities and funding are being actively redefined. Together, these actions reflect ACS' ongoing commitment to ensuring chemistry and science have a seat at the federal table.

## ACS 150th Kickoff

The celebration of the Society's milestone began at PacifiChem in December 2025. ACS' 150th anniversary festivities, a year-long campaign in 2026, opened with a reception that drew more than 350 guests and generated over 2,200 membership leads. As part of a social media

campaign, member testimonials ran across Bluesky, LinkedIn, and Instagram. A new microsite launched, and additional materials – including a comprehensive toolkit, video content, and interactive timeline – have been developed for 2026. The 150th is an opportunity to reflect on chemistry’s contributions and look ahead to its next chapter.

## Record-Breaking Media Reach

A science press release issued during ACS Spring 2025, “Chewing gum can shed microplastics into saliva,” became one of the most widely covered stories ACS has ever published, generating more than 2,800 media mentions and nearly 300 TV and radio segments, with additional pickup from podcasters

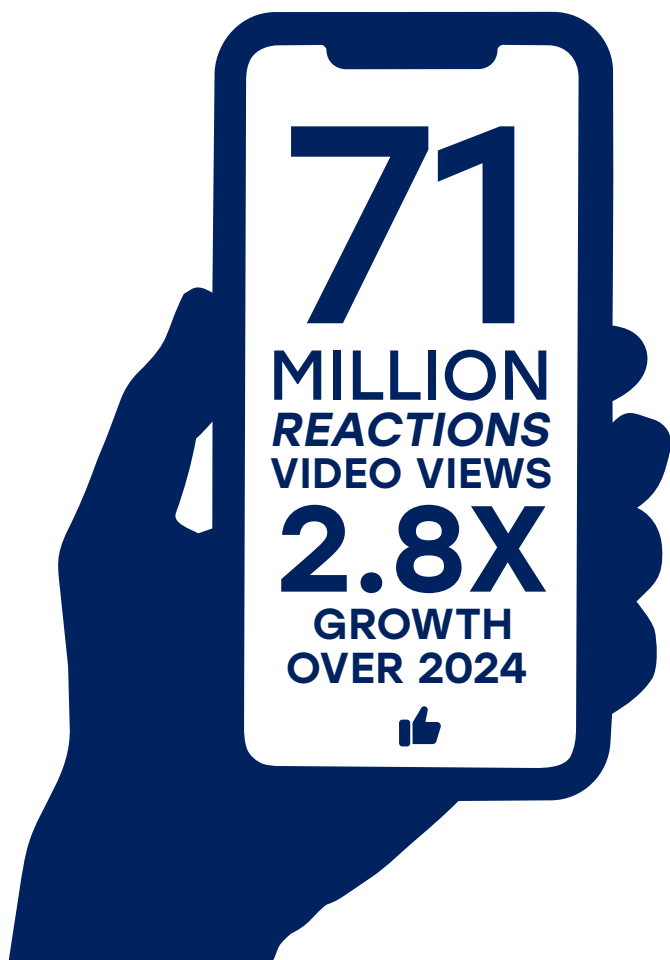
and health and wellness media. Earlier in the year, research published in two ACS journals informed U.S. coverage of the Los Angeles wildfires.

## Reactions and *Tiny Matters*: Science at Scale

The *Reactions* video series had its strongest year to date. Views grew 2.8 times over 2024, reaching more than 71 million total, while the channel added 185,000 new subscribers to bring its total to nearly 700,000. Meanwhile, the *Tiny Matters* podcast neared 239,000 downloads (a 40% increase over 2024), earned Spotify designations as a Most Shared, Most Talked About, and Marathon show, and produced 53 new episodes in 2025, including its 100th full-length episode on Wednesday, Dec. 24.

## Social Media Growth

ACS’ flagship social media channels grew significantly in 2025. Net new fans increased by more than 500% on Instagram, 100% on Facebook, and 15% on LinkedIn. Engagements increased 177% on Instagram and 11% on LinkedIn compared to 2024. This growth was fueled by a strategic shift toward audience-centered content focused on education, inspiration, and engagement, featuring member interviews, research highlights, molecule-facts carousels, and science-themed holiday posts.





## ACS GCI Pharmaceutical Roundtable: 20 Years of Greener Medicines

In 2025, the ACS Green Chemistry Institute Pharmaceutical Roundtable marked its 20th anniversary. What began with three founding corporate members and ACS GCI in 2005 has grown into a network of more than 50 global member organizations advancing sustainable pharmaceutical manufacturing. During this anniversary year, the roundtable started developing a Technology Roadmap for Sustainable Medicines, an industrywide plan targeting net-zero active pharmaceutical ingredients within the next two decades. Member companies will move actions forward through the collaborative roundtable framework.

“Perhaps most appealing regarding this growth are the unique perspectives many of the organizations bring based on their role in the industry. This provides a stimulating precompetitive environment for finding tangible and sustainable solutions to the key challenges that the industry as a whole faces.”

– **Paul Richardson**

Director, Analytical and Synthesis Technologies, Pfizer, and Co-Chair, ACS GCI Pharmaceutical Roundtable



## Strategic Goal 2

# Enhance Community Engagement

Connect members and all people interested in the chemical sciences and build synergy to enrich our diverse community.

In 2025, ACS' community grew in numbers, geography, and depth of connection. Through global conferences, new chapters, and ACS on Campus activities, membership growth – especially among students, early-career researchers, industry professionals, and international chemists – all demonstrated a year of profound community connection.

## Membership Growth

ACS closed 2025 with a total community exceeding 260,000. Priority segments, including graduate and undergraduate students, industry professionals, and international scientists, all saw significant gains. Growth in these segments reflects a deliberate focus on the communities central to ACS' long-term strength.

## Convening the Chemical Sciences Community

ACS drew strong participation at its spring and fall meetings in 2025, particularly among international and first-time attendees. ACS Spring 2025 in San Diego attracted nearly 15,300 total registrations, with nearly 13,800 abstracts and 807 oral sessions. A new digital meeting offered 89 globally inclusive sessions. ACS Fall 2025 in Washington, D.C., welcomed nearly 11,800 registrants, including more than 3,900 first-time attendees from 80 countries. The fall program delivered nearly 10,000 abstracts, 592 sessions, and 3,361 posters, with a reimagined schedule and 97 global digital sessions. The ACS Kids Zone set an attendance record with more than 500 participants in partnership with the Ronald Reagan

Building and International Trade Center. An on-site survey indicated that all attendees learned something new or interesting during the event.

## Enhancing ACS Spring and Fall Meetings

The Future of Meetings project was completed in 2025, delivering a range of improvements. Program highlights included reimagined Priestley Medalist Award and ChemLuminary Awards sessions, interactive iPosters, expanded networking opportunities, and a robust career fair. Logistics improvements streamlined registration and badge pickup, while the virtual platform and mobile app were both updated for a smoother user experience. Sustainability efforts continued with reductions in freight, shuttles, and plastic waste.

## Engaging the Global Scientific Community

ACS scaled its global scientific engagement virtually in 2025. The spring and fall editions of the Global Virtual Symposia convened more than 3,000 attendees from 40 countries participating without boarding a single plane. The virtual Science Talks series drew even broader reach, with more than 17,500 registrations from 138 countries – up from 110 countries in

2024 and with average registrations per talk growing 37% from 557 to 761. ACS also strengthened its on-ground global presence as a key collaborator of the 2025 International Conference of Global Young Academy, hosted by IIT Hyderabad and inaugurated by India's Education Minister. The conference attracted attendees from 60 countries fostering cross-border dialogue on climate change, public health, technological innovation, and sustainable development.

## Stockholm Declaration Signed at GC&E Conference

The 29th annual Green Chemistry and Engineering Conference convened more than 750 participants in Pittsburgh under the theme “Good Health and Well-Being through Sustainable Chemistry.” Over four days, attendees shared best practices, presented research, and engaged with a community focused on sustainable solutions. At the conference, 2025 ACS President Dorothy Phillips signed the Stockholm Declaration on Chemistry for the Future on behalf of ACS, affirming the organization's commitment to chemistry's role in addressing global challenges.





## New International Chapters

ACS welcomed its first International Chemical Sciences Chapter in Central America (Guatemala) and added nine new student chapters in Ecuador, Nigeria (three new chapters), India, Bangladesh, the UAE, Peru, and Chile. The Chile chapter is the first in the Southern Cone. Each new chapter extends ACS' reach to scientists and students who may not have previously had access to ACS resources and community.

## ACS on Campus Membership Engagement

ACS on Campus hosted 39 global events in 2025, generating more than 1,700 new members and renewals. Three events were held

at Historically Black Colleges and Universities: the Atlanta University Center Consortium in April, drawing students and faculty from seven institutions, including Morehouse College, Spelman College, Clark Atlanta University, and Howard University in April, where close to 90 students, faculty, and alumni participated throughout the day; and Tennessee State University in November, where 167 attendees gathered from six institutions in an event that also capped 2025 ACS President Dorothy Phillips' historic presidency in her hometown of Nashville. Post-event satisfaction rates across all three events ranged from 92% to 100%, with the majority of non-member attendees at each event indicating they would become or were considering ACS membership.



## ACS Interactions in Africa

In May 2025, 38 early-career faculty members from 18 universities across South Africa, Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Zimbabwe participated in the first ACS Faculty Leadership Summit, held in collaboration with South Africa's Council for Science and Industrial Research in Pretoria. ACS staff also met in person with more than 200 faculty members and students at five South African universities, highlighting ACS' value story to the scientific community in Africa. A pilot internship program also launched, aimed at engaging the more than 30,000 African students currently studying in India and ensuring access to ACS resources. The first interns will come on board in July 2026.

## Strengthening ACS Partnerships With Scientific Organizations

ACS strengthened its partnerships with National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChE), SACNAS, and American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) throughout 2025. At the NOBCChE conference in Atlanta, ACS hosted a resume and profile development workshop for more than 230 graduate and undergraduate students, which received very positive feedback, and 2025 ACS President Dorothy Phillips presented the ACS Student Exchange Award. ACS formalized a membership partnership with SACNAS to provide their members with discounted ACS membership and served as a silver-level sponsor of the SACNAS conference in Columbus,

Ohio. At the 2025 AISES conference in Minneapolis, ACS was a turquoise-level sponsor, providing a booth, programming, and hands-on activities.

## First ACS Global Scientific Conference

In October, ACS marked a major milestone its first Global Scientific Conference in partnership with the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay. More than 1,300 attendees from 19 countries participated in sessions

covering science, innovation, career development, safety, and sustainability. The event also featured two special programs, Environmental, Social, and Governance Sustainability Roundtable, and Women in Science with the National Institution for Transforming India Aayog policy think tank, the Indian National Science Academy, and ACS. Participants rated their experience very positively, demonstrating ACS' capacity to convene the global scientific community at significant scale.



## Engaging the Next Generation

The U.S. Senate passed a resolution recognizing National Chemistry Week in October 2025. ACS' Program in a Box event drew more than 330 registered groups, with 213 participating in the live broadcast and average satisfaction rates between 94% and 96%. A new online registration platform for the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad streamlined the process for students and local sections, registering more than 1,100 students in its first month with a tenfold reduction in processing time.





## Strategic Goal 3

# Empower Scientists

Foster accessible science education and continuous learning to enable all people to make informed decisions and address global challenges.

From scholarships to green chemistry curriculum, postdoctoral fellowships, career workshops, and the ACS Institute's continued growth, ACS invested deeply in the pipeline and professional strength of scientists at every career stage in 2025. Most vitally, when funding for graduate researchers was disrupted, ACS rose to the moment and supported critical research that might otherwise have been lost.

## The Priestley Medal: ACS' Highest Honor

ACS named Frances H. Arnold of the California Institute of Technology as the 2025 Priestley Medalist, recognizing her transformational work in creating engineered enzymes that drive chemical reactions beyond those found in nature. Arnold is also a Nobel Laureate in Chemistry (2018) and founder of three companies that apply directed evolution to sustainability, chemicals, and agriculture.



“When we put science back to work for the benefit of all people ... we are making a society worth passing on to our children and our grandchildren.”

— **Frances H. Arnold**  
2025 Priestley medalist

## ACS Graduate Student Success Grants

When federal research grants were terminated or cancelled in 2025, ACS launched a one-time \$2.5 million emergency initiative to keep affected graduate students' work alive. Of 75 applications, 56 were funded for a total of more than \$1.4 million.

## CTP Day: Lifting Up the People Who Keep Labs Running

On May 22, 2025 ACS held the first Chemical Technical Professional (CTP) Day, recognizing the technicians, lab managers, and support professionals who keep labs running smoothly. The celebration included articles in C&EN and *inChemistry*, a peer nomination campaign highlighting outstanding CTPs in a day-in-the-life video, and informational posters about chemical technical professionals distributed to classrooms via the American Association of Chemistry Teachers. A half-day symposium at ACS Spring 2025 featured invited talks, a guest panel, and discussions from recipients of the 2024 and 2025 PrepareCTP Seed Grants and other stakeholders.

**\$1.4**  
**MILLION**  
IN EMERGENCY GRANTS TO  
56 GRADUATE STUDENTS



“The ACS Graduate Student Success Grant has been critical for my growth as a scientist. I have been able to publish the research that will become the final chapter of my dissertation and submit two additional manuscripts to top-tier chemistry journals ... none of which would have been possible without this support.”

– **Grace Thaggard**

Fifth-year doctoral student and NSF Graduate Research Fellow, University of South Carolina

## New ACS Undergraduate Scholarships Double Opportunity

In 2025, ACS awarded 100 undergraduate scholarships of \$5,000 each and announced the forthcoming Catalyst Scholarship, which will award 200 scholarships of \$10,000 each beginning in fall 2026, doubling both the number of awards and the value of each scholarship. A November information session about the new Catalyst Scholarship reached nearly 2,000 registered participants.

**200**  
Awards  
× \$10K

**2026**

**100**  
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**2025**

## Inaugural Year for Arthur C. Cope Postdoctoral Fellowships

Five researchers were selected in the inaugural year of the Cope Postdoctoral Fellowship Program, chosen from more than 50 nominations. Each fellowship provides \$85,000 per year for up to two years, offering significant support at a career stage that is often financially challenging and where sustained funding support can be particularly impactful.



“Postdoctoral scholars are at a crucial stage in their careers. This fellowship will provide essential financial support, a strong community, and access to career and professional development resources, which are critical to their success.”

– **Natalia Martin**

Assistant Director of the ACS Student and Postdoctoral Scholars Development Office



## Recognizing ACS Member Achievements

The ACS community recognized and celebrated numerous scientific and service contributions in 2025: 99 people were recognized with ACS National Awards, 24 ACS Committees presented 55 ChemLuminary Awards, and 36 ACS Fellows were inducted. The Heroes of Chemistry Awards were presented to five scientific teams from AbbVie and Merck, Amgen, Arkema, DuPont, and Eli Lilly & Co.

The 2025 ACS Award for Affordable Green Chemistry recognized Frank Bernardoni, Patrick S. Fier, and John A. McIntosh of Merck & Co. for designing an environmentally friendly process to synthesize molnupiravir, the COVID-19 antiviral that has reached millions of patients worldwide. The team redesigned the manufacturing

“Developing compounds that have a meaningful impact on someone’s life is one of the most rewarding aspects of being a scientist within the pharmaceutical industry. A lot of time and dedication goes into developing a new drug, and hearing from patients on how much of a difference you made to their lives makes it all worth it.”

– **Frank Bernardoni**

Senior Principal Scientist, Merck & Co.,  
on behalf of the award team

process from the ground up, cutting production steps by 70% and producing roughly seven times more of the drug from the same raw materials, with significantly less waste and cost.

## Advancing Green Chemistry Education

In 2025, two Faculty Mentoring Network cohorts focused on green chemistry focusing on leadership and career advancement education completed their work, producing six new teaching modules. A separate two-year college community of practice added eight more modules – covering general and organic chemistry topics using active learning approaches – now freely available on the ACS website for community college faculty. Participants across both programs reported greater confidence in teaching green chemistry and stronger connections to colleagues. A new professional development course and a new green chemistry course were both added to the ACS Institute catalog.

## Expanding Collaboration with INSA

ACS and the Indian National Science Academy (INSA) ran a seven-day residential training program for more than 20 women faculty members from 10 Indian states, focusing on leadership and career advancement. More than 500 Ph.D. students attended “Navigating Ph.D. and Beyond” workshops at IIT Kanpur and IIT Jodhpur. At the Global Scientific Conference, the INSA-ACS Women in Science initiative brought together more than 150 women for networking, mentorship, and recognition of their contributions to science leadership.





## PRF: Early Bets on Future Laureates

In 2025, ACS awarded 193 Petroleum Research Fund (PRF) grants totaling \$21.2 million. A 2025 analysis of 2020-2023 data showed that PRF funded critical research from 277 institutions across all 50 U.S. states and Washington, D.C. Proposal volume has grown by 38% since 2023. Both 2025 Nobel Laureates in Chemistry, Richard Robson and Omar Yaghi, received PRF support earlier in their careers (Robson in 1992 and 1995, Yaghi in 1994). This recognition underscores the long-term value of investing in fundamental research at an early-career stage. In addition, 14 \$25,000 grants were awarded to undergraduate institutions to expand institutional research capacity and enrich students' experiences.

## Professional Development and the ACS Institute

The ACS Institute grew revenue by 9% in 2025, adding 22 new courses – including an “Online Certificate in Scientific Leadership” developed with Johns Hopkins University – and launching a free safety e-textbook, “Laboratory Safety for Chemistry Students,” that reached more than 1,200 learners from 40 countries within months of its release. At ACS Spring 2025, career support set a record with 462 consultations – a 37% increase over the highest single-meeting total since 2022 – alongside 35 workshops serving more than 1,100 attendees. ACS also advanced accessibility awareness through targeted programming, a webinar on visually accessible science communication, and a social media campaign.



## Navigating AI in Science

ACS helped its members navigate one of the most consequential shifts in scientific practice in decades through a discovery report on generative AI in chemistry and a seven-part email series on responsible AI. A dedicated AI course launched in June and drew nearly 1,000 participants within its first months. ACS also responded to a request for information from the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, highlighting the potential for AI within the chemical enterprise and the importance of regulations that honor existing intellectual property rights and scientific patent laws.

## Recognizing Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Achievement

In 2025, ACS honored 124 scholars – the largest cohort to date – including 88 graduate students and 36 postdoctoral researchers. Recipients came from 64 institutions in total: 45 domestic and 19 international, with 26 international recipients among those honored.



## Strategic Goal 4

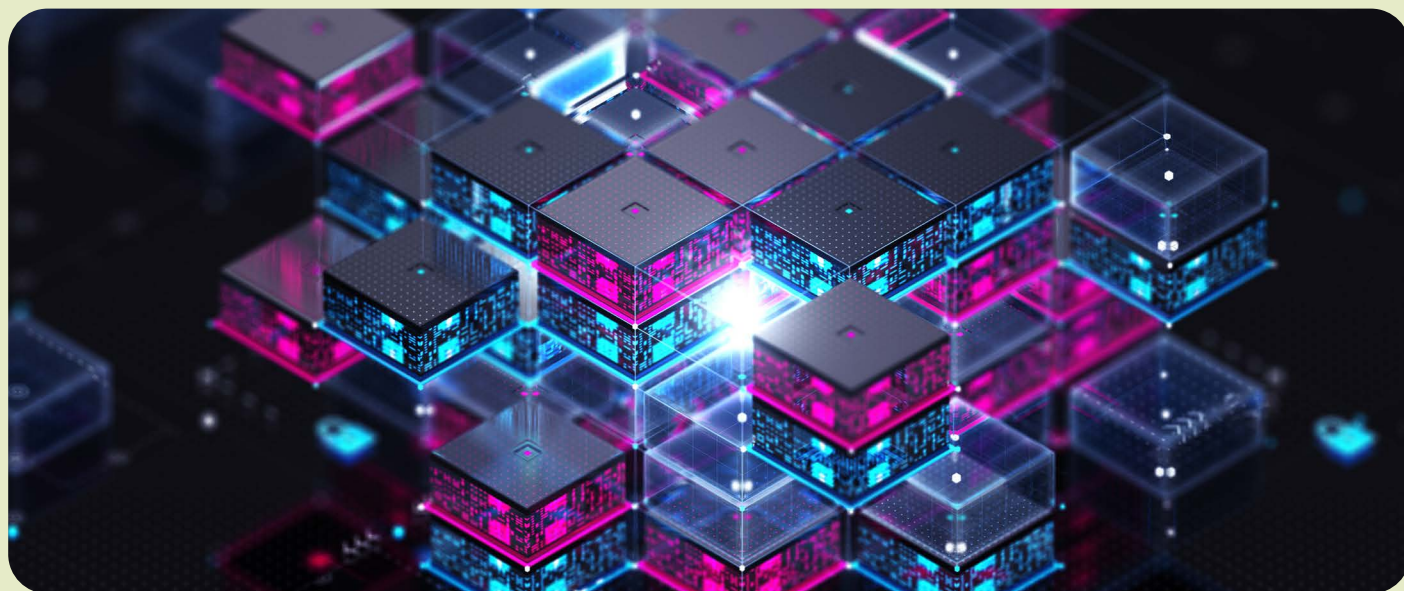
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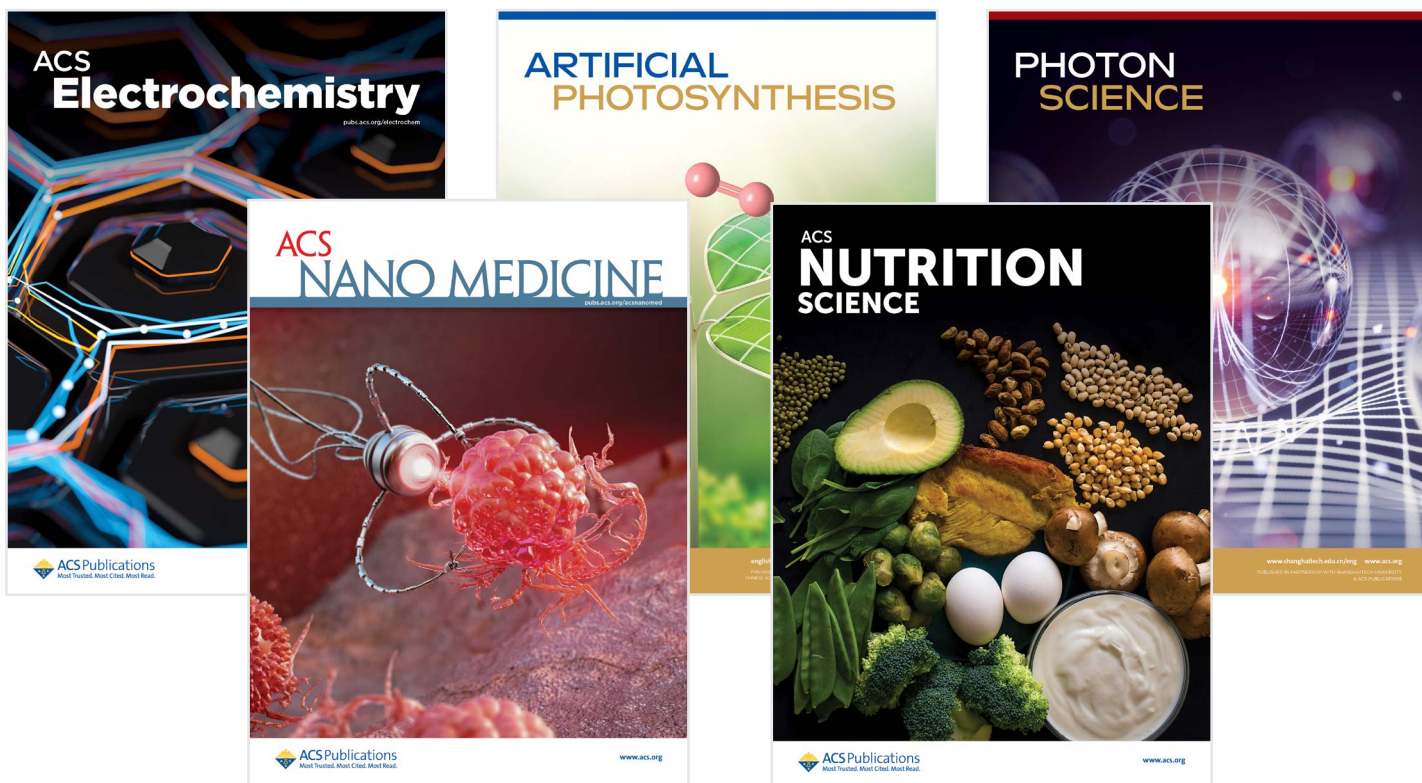
Drive ACS content and services to maximize influence and value to the global scientific enterprise.

AI-enabled discovery tools, new interdisciplinary journals, improved publishing workflows, and innovation bootcamps positioned ACS at the forefront of how science is advanced in 2025. This work reflects an organization committed to delivering tools and content that keep pace with a rapidly evolving scientific landscape.

### AI-Powered Research Tools

CAS significantly upgraded its research platforms in 2025. CAS SciFinder® now includes SearchSense, an intuitive question-and-answer interface drawing on the CAS Content Collection™, plus AI summarization and integrated intellectual property research. CAS IP Finder, powered by STN™ added AI





exploratory search for intellectual property researchers at all skill levels, while CAS BioFinder™ now features agentic AI search, allowing scientists to ask direct questions and receive evidence-backed answers. These enhancements are designed to help researchers accelerate their work.

## ACS' Innovation Bootcamp

In June 2025, ACS brought together more than 50 faculty members and students at the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore for a pilot Innovation Bootcamp focused on translating research into real-world impact. Sessions on key elements of the innovation journey covered fundraising, building high-impact

teams, and navigating India's innovation ecosystem. Participant feedback pointed to strong interest in additional innovation-focused programming for early-stage researchers.

## Expanding ACS Publications

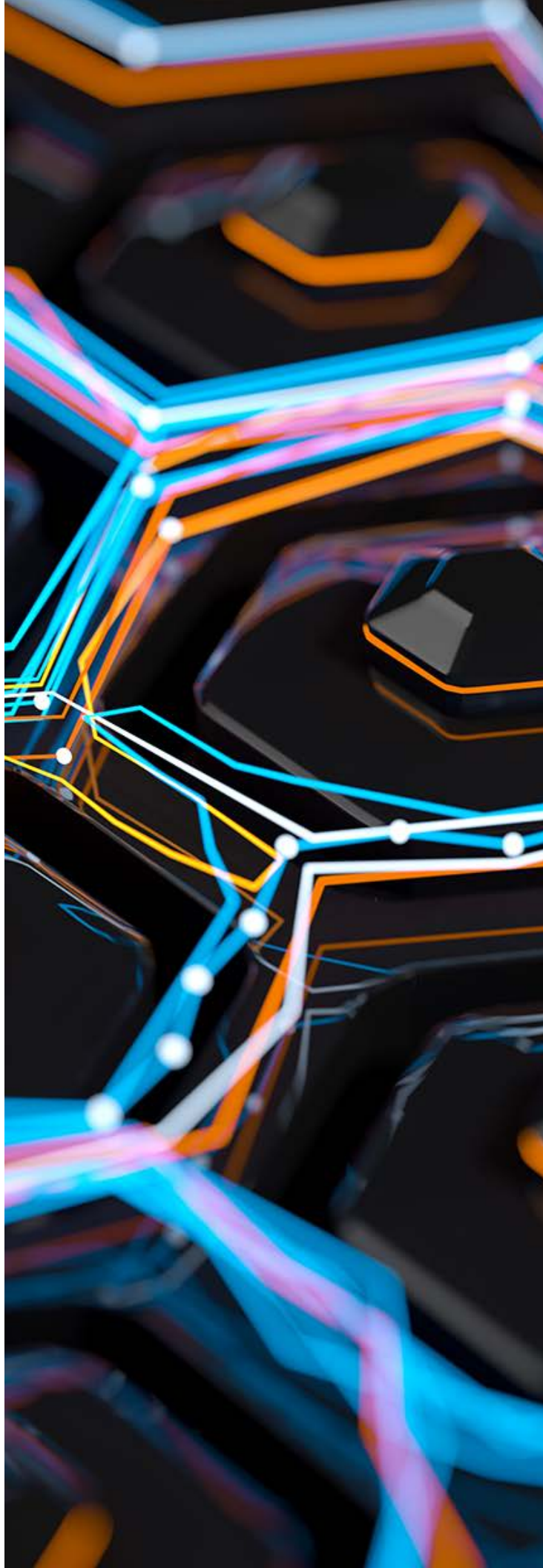
ACS launched two new interdisciplinary journals in 2025 – *ACS Nano Medicine* and *ACS Nutrition Science* – further expanding the range of science ACS publishes to address key challenges facing humankind and the planet. ACS Publications also introduced the new ACS Publishing Center, a centralized hub offering tools and services for authors, along with a streamlined manuscript submission workflow. Within its first year, this

new workflow was implemented for journals representing more than 25% of all ACS journal authors. By reducing friction in the publishing process, ACS Publications supports a faster path from discovery to the scientific record.

## Supporting All Strategic Goals – Fundraising

ACS raised \$4.4 million in 2025, with donors directing significant support toward the new Catalyst undergraduate scholarship program and the long-running ACS Project SEED, which opens laboratory doors to high school students from economically disadvantaged. Two National Awards categories, the ACS Award in Pure Chemistry and the soon-to-be-renamed Pariser Award in Theoretical Chemistry, will be fully supported by endowment. Individual Retirement Account-based giving jumped 52% as donors benefitted from tax-advantaged giving options. Donor support reflects continued confidence in ACS' programs and mission.

ACS remains committed to advancing scientific knowledge, empowering a global community of scientists, and championing scientific integrity in service of a world built on science.



# Financial Highlights

ACS ended 2025 with strong financial results. ACS generated a change in net assets without donor restrictions from operations of \$40.4 million on revenues of \$833.9 million and expenses of \$793.4 million. This performance was achieved due to a continuation of growth within the information services divisions and sustained expense management across ACS Programs.

ACS' overall financial position strengthened, with net assets without donor restrictions totaling \$1.1 billion as of Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2025, reflecting an increase of \$172.3 million from 2024. The year-end balance includes the \$40.4 million net from operations, along with an increase of \$131.9 million from non-operating activities, primarily from net investment gains. The Society ended the year in compliance with all five ACS Board-established financial guidelines.

The audited financial statements and additional finance-related resources can be accessed on [ACS' financial information website](#).

ACS is grateful for the generous support provided by all donors and sponsors for its programs and awards.

Net assets without donor restrictions reached

**\$1.1B**

at year-end 2025

The year-end balance includes

**\$40.4M**

net from operations

Net assets without donor restrictions increased

**\$172.3M**

from 2024 to 2025

# 2025 Board of Directors & Officers



Back row (left to right): Wayne Jones, Silvia Jurisson, Al Horvath, Will Lynch

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