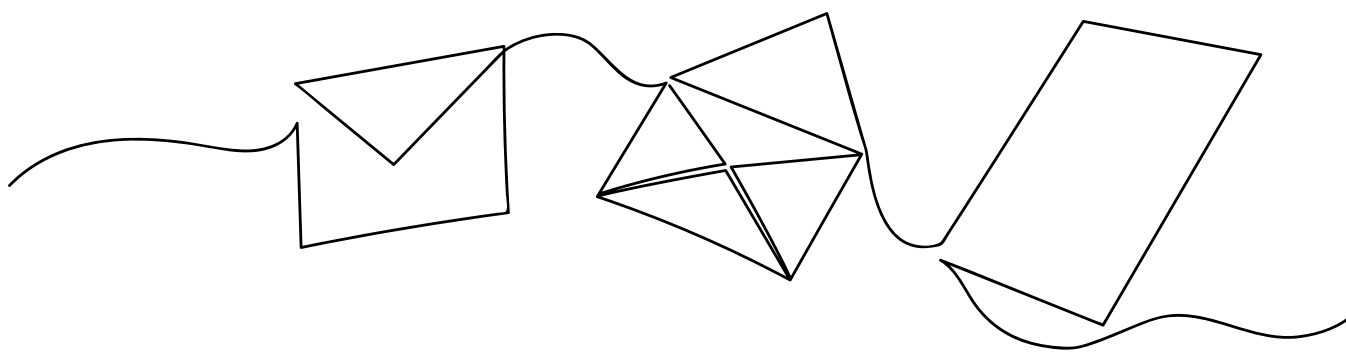


Chemistry & Biochemistry

March 2026

Monthly Newsleter



Graduation Announcement

The Chemistry & Biochemistry Department Graduation Ceremony, organized by CBSA, is coming up soon!

More details to come! Stay tuned for updates on the celebration, ceremony logistics, and how to participate.

Not graduating this semester?
We still encourage you to attend and support your fellow Chem & Biochem students as they celebrate this milestone!

Congratulations to our soon-to-be graduates, we're excited to celebrate with you!

**—Chemistry & Biochemistry Student Association
(CBSA)**



Merch is Here! Rep CBSA in Style

CBSA merch just dropped

We've got one comfortable and versatile signature shirt to represent Chem & Biochem wherever you go!

Merch will be available for purchase starting next Monday, so get ready!

Limited quantities, grab yours before it's gone!



Stay tuned for the order link & pickup details,
Let's rep CBSA together

Past Events

On March 5th, CBSA hosted an Info Meeting on the Master's (blended BS–MS) program at SFSU, highlighting how it supports research for graduate school or industry.

Current Master's students shared their experiences and answered questions about the application process.

Thank you to everyone who joined us—we're excited to see you take the next step in your research journey!

A special thank you to Dr. Andrew Ichimura for leading such an informative session! If you're interested in the Master's program, feel free to reach out to him directly:

ichimura@sfsu.edu | (415) 405-0721
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More events coming soon!



Future Events

Department of Chemistry- Weekly Seminars Schedule for the month of April

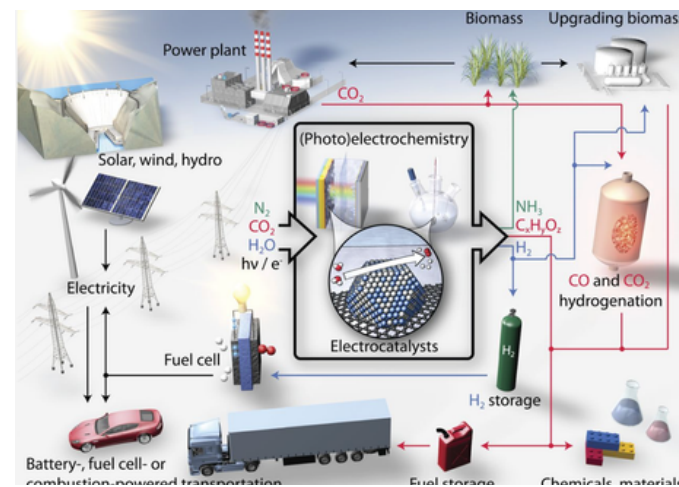
April 10 – Dr. Thomas Jaramillo
(Stanford University)

April 17 – Dr. Margaux Marie Pinney
(UC Berkeley)

Special Monday Seminar

April 20 – Dr. Margaret Scheuermann (Western Washington University)

April 24 – Dr. Seth Rubin (UC Santa Cruz)



Academic Support Schedule

Chem-321 Workshops hosted by Nia
Wochnowski



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Wochnowski

- Pre-Exam 3: 04/17/26 2:00-5:00 PM
- Pre-Exam 4 (FINAL): 05/15/26 2:00-5:00 PM

Opportunities- Department Scholarships - Deadline April 8!

The Chemistry & Biochemistry Department is still accepting applications for 2026 scholarships:

Undergraduate:

\$8,000 Bjorkquist

\$6,000 McKinney

\$2,500 Haines

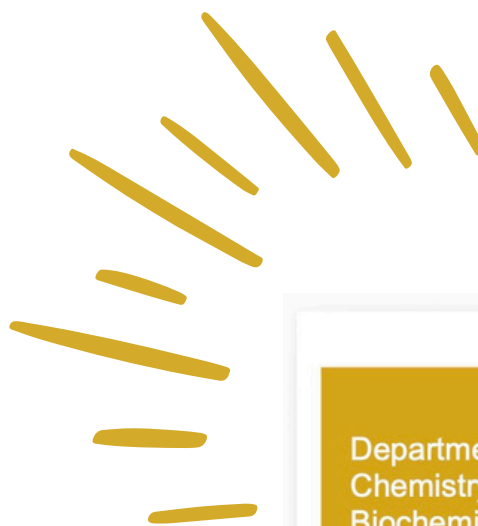
Graduate:

\$5,000 Arnold

\$2,500 Chem & Biochem Scholarship

If you're a Chem or Biochem major enrolling in Fall 2026, we encourage you to apply!

Deadline: Wednesday, April 8 at 5:00 PM
See flyer (right side) for full details and application info.



**Department of
Chemistry and
Biochemistry**

2026 Department Scholarships

*To support
undergraduate
and graduate
students
majoring in
Chemistry or
Biochemistry at
SF State*

Help fund your academic career.
Apply for scholarships from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

Undergraduate students
\$8,000 Bjorkquist Scholarship
\$6,000 McKinney Scholarship
\$2,500 Haines Scholarship

Graduate students
\$2,500 Chemistry and Biochemistry Scholarship
\$5,000 Arnold Scholarship

If you are a B.S., B.A., M.S. and will be enrolled Fall 2026 as a Chemistry and/or Biochemistry major, **PLEASE APPLY.**

If you are only minoring in Chem/Biochem, unfortunately you are not eligible.

All details about scholarship requirements and applications are here: <https://sfsu.academicworks.com/>

**DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 8TH by 5:00 PM**



San Francisco State University

CoSE- Scholarship Opportunities - Deadline April 8!

Still not too late to submit your application for scholarships

Applications are due APRIL 08

College of Science & Engineering Scholarship One @ \$5,000 for graduate or undergraduate students have a major in the following department/school: Biology, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics & Astronomy, Psychology, School of the Environment, School of Engineering
<https://sfsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/22595>

Bruce A. Rosenblatt Community Service Two @ \$2,522 each for graduate or undergraduate students have a major in the following department/school: Biology, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics & Astronomy, Psychology, School of the Environment, School of Engineering
<https://sfsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/22579>

James C. Kelley One @ \$1,500 for graduate or undergraduate students who show excellent promise in Marine or environmental science and have a major in the following department/school: Biology, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics & Astronomy, Psychology, School of the Environment, School of Engineering
<https://sfsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/22486>

SF Resident One @ \$2,000 each for an undergraduate student who have a major in the following department/school: Biology, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics & Astronomy, Psychology, School of the Environment, School of Engineering
<https://sfsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/20523>

Kenneth Fong Scholarships in Biology Two @ \$2,500 each for undergraduate students who have a major in the department of Biology
<https://sfsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/22327>

C.Y. Chow Memorial in Computer Science or Mathematics One @ \$1,700 for an undergraduate student who has a major in the department of Computer Science and One @ \$1,700 for an undergraduate student who has a major in the department of Mathematics
<https://sfsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/22270>

CoSE- Scholarship Opportunities

Pamela Fong Scholarships in Mathematics Two @ \$2,500 each for undergraduate students who have a major in the department of Mathematics <https://sfsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/23280>

Working Student One @ \$1,250 for an undergraduate student with a GPA of 2.85 or UNDER who has a major in the following department/school: Biology, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics & Astronomy, Psychology, School of the Environment, School of Engineering <https://sfsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/22441>

Current Seniors who have been accepted in the Graduate Program (and meet other criteria) are encouraged to apply for these scholarships:

ARCS Ten-Twelve @ ~\$11,000 each for US citizen graduate students who have a major in the following department/school: Biology, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics & Astronomy, School of the Environment <https://sfsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/22573>

Robert William Maxwell Memorial Four @ \$4,000 each for graduate students who have a major in the following department/school: Biology, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics & Astronomy, Psychology, School of the Environment, School of Engineering <https://sfsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/22973>

GROW (Gators Reclaiming Our Healthcare Workforce) @ Stipend Included for rising SFSU sophomores and juniors interested in health careers. A year-long UCSF-partnered program offering mentorship, clinical shadowing, and leadership training for first-gen or disadvantaged students.

Must enroll in a 2-unit course. Application Deadline: April 17th. Apply at <https://sfsu.academicworks.com> or email Brianna.mejia-carreno@ucsf.edu

Monthly Feature

The Koehn Research Laboratory at San Francisco State University focuses on chemical biology and enzyme mechanisms to study thymidylate (dTMP) biosynthesis, a pathway essential for DNA production.

The lab designs quinone-based molecules to develop new therapeutics, including antimicrobial agents targeting pathogens like *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (M.tb) and *Clostridioides difficile* (C. diff), as well as potential anti-Parkinson's compounds.

Using approaches in enzyme engineering and chemical biology, the group studies and redesigns enzymes to better understand their function and develop selective inhibitors and novel biocatalysts.



Dr. Eric M. Koehn

Dr. Eric M. Koehn earned his **B.S. and Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Iowa.**

He later moved to the Bay Area, where he completed postdoctoral research in the laboratory of **Prof. Judith Klinman at UC Berkeley**, while also serving as a Lecturer in the Department of Chemistry.

During his training, Dr. Koehn developed expertise in studying unusual enzyme mechanisms and cofactor biosynthesis in human pathogens.

He is now an Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at San Francisco State University, where he teaches Organic and Biological Chemistry and leads a research program focused on targeting key enzymatic pathways in pathogens using small-molecule therapeutics.

Outside of the lab, **Dr. Koehn enjoys spending time in nature, playing guitar, and staying active at the gym.**

Monthly Feature



Researchers in action in Dr. Koehn's lab!



Aline Moran (also known as Ali) is CBSA's current Vice President!

Credits

A huge thank you to all our CBSA officers for making this newsletter possible and for their continued dedication to our community:

Aline Moran – Vice President
Lucky Gurung – Public Relations officer
Elizabeth Caoili - Public Relations Officer



Aline Moran



Lucky Gurung



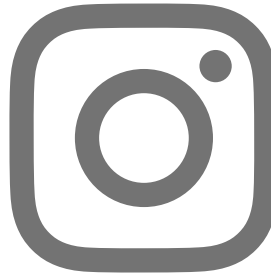
Elizabeth Caoili

Resources

List of General SFSU resources:

- Asian American and Pacific Islander Retention and Education (ASPIRE)
- Associated Students (AS)
- Associated Students Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC)
- Associated Students Gator Groceries & Food Pantry
- Associated Students Project Connect
- Associated Students Project Rebound
- Associated Students Queer & Trans Resource Center (QTRC)
- Black Unity Centre
- Campus Recreation
- Campus Safety and Welfare Strategies for COVID-19
- Canvas Support
- Career & Leadership Development (CLD)
- Counseling and Psychological services (CAPS)
- COVID-19 Resources
- Dean of Students (DOS)
- Dean-On-Call Progra
- Disability Programs and Resource Center (DPRC)
- Disability Rights, Education Activism, and Mentoring (DREAM)
- Division of International Education (DoIE)
- Dream Resource Center (DRC)
- Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
- Equity & Community Inclusion
- Equity Programs & Compliance
- Financial Aid
- First Year Experience (FYE)
- Food+Shelter+Success (Basic Needs Initiatives)
- Gator Academic Center (Athletics Advising)
- Gator Connect
- GatorHealth & Well-being
- Gator Smart Start
- GatorXperience
- Guardian Scholars Program (GSP)
- Handshake for SFSU
- Health Promotion & Wellness
- HOPE Crisis Fund (HOPE)
- ITS Service Desk
- J. Paul Leonard Library
- Latinx Student Center
- Library Research Assistance
- Metro College Success Program (Metro)
- New Student Programs
- Office of Emergency Services (OES)
- Parking and Transportation
- Peer2Peer Mentor Collective
- Registrar's Office
- SafeWalk
- Safe Zone Ally Program
- SF Department of Public Health (DPH) COVID-19 Information
- SF State Create
- SF State Mobile App
- SF State OneCard (OneCard)
- Software for Students (via Instructional Continuity)
- Student Employment - Human Resources
- Student Health Services
- Student Outreach and Academic Retention (SOAR TRIO)
- Student Resource & Empowerment Center
- Student Support Services (SSS)
- The Advising Hub
- The SAFE Place
- Transit benefits from OneCard
- Tutoring and Academic Support Center (TASC)
- Undergraduate Advising Center (UAC)
- University Police Department (UPD)
- Veterans Services

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