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improve diversity in membership, and to improve support of AIChE members who need expertise Fellows can offer. We are looking for Fellows that have time to give to support these goals. We will be discussing successful activities and opportunities for participating at the next Virtual Fellows Gathering at the AIChE Spring meeting. Please contact [Annette Johnston](#) if you can help immediately.

To increase the diversity of the Fellows membership, and to increase the number of AIChE Fellows in general, we need more nominations. The next Fellow nomination deadline is May 1. Have you been working with someone in your local Student Chapter, Local Section, or Division that should be nominated? All of the information needed to complete the nomination package can be found on the [AIChE Fellows nominations website](#). If you know

someone that should be nominated, but need some support in putting together the nomination, please contact Annette Johnston. We know of about five minority nominations in progress so far; we should submit at least double that number. Are you aware of more minorities who should be nominated?

There are at least two efforts to increase engagement of Fellow grade members. First, the Fellows Council has formed a Student Chapters Task Force, chaired by FC member Greg Yeo. Some of the ideas this group is working on include:

1. Development of a direct relationship between Fellows and specific Student Chapters to offer support, advising, and outreach to other Fellows for expertise in specialized areas.
2. Participation of Fellows in Student Regional Conferences, including judging of competitions (student technical papers, research posters, Chem-E-Car, and K-12 activities).
3. Direct engagement in the AIChE Chemical Engineering for Good Competition (ACE4G)
4. Development of a structure to inform and energize Fellows about engagement opportunities.
5. Serving as speakers for webinars or Student Chapter meetings

They want to understand what student chapters need, and how to connect with Fellows who can provide it. We are developing ways to make quick connections between Fellows and student chapters when such needs, or needs not mentioned here, need addressing.

Secondly, the Fellows are funding an endowment through the AIChE Foundation, that will support the [AIChE Chemical Engineering for Good Challenge \(ACE4G\) program](#). This is a program where student chapters make proposals for funding special projects to help society worldwide. Last year five chapters received awards. Some of the funding now comes from the Endowment. As the endowment grows, more projects will be funded. Fellows will be needed to help student chapters submit their proposals, and to execute their projects upon funding. Look for more information about this in the invitation to the Virtual Fellows Gathering at the AIChE Spring Meeting.

We are working in diverse ways to build strength through diversity and inclusion in Fellows membership and activities. We hope you can join us soon.

Virtual Fellows Gathering - April 20 at 11:00 a.m. Central

Since we again cannot have a face-to-face Fellows Breakfast at the AIChE Spring Meeting, AIChE and the Fellows Council have arranged another virtual gathering to maintain our traditions of connecting and engaging with peers, honoring new and long-time Fellows, and learning more about the status of the Institute and recent AIChE programs. As before, there will be breakout rooms for interactive activities among the attendees.

The best thing is that because we will be online, ALL Fellows around the globe can attend!

Pre-registration for the Gathering is required by April 11. [Register here](#). The event will be hosted on Zoom and a Zoom link to the meeting will be sent out beforehand to all who pre-register. Those attending the Virtual 2021 Spring Meeting will also be able to access this Zoom link through the vFairs conference platform under Networking Events.

The event program includes 25-minute breakout discussions facilitated by members of your Fellows Council. The intent is to further engage Fellows in activities and to discuss needs of AIChE entities.

The breakouts will have different themes: The Fellows Task Force for Student Chapters; Fellow Nominations; Tools for Fellows Volunteering in AIChE; AIChE Foundation Task Force.

As you register for this free event, we encourage donations to help kickstart the Fellows Endowment fund. Total donations so far have amounted to \$6000! You can donate any amount through [this link](#).

We look forward to bringing our Fellows community together, as we “see” and connect with you online at 11:00 AM Central Time, April 20.

2020 AIChE Virtual Spring Meeting & 17th Global Congress on Process Safety

There is still time to register for the conference! If you have not yet, [register here](#) before March 8 to receive the best rate. The whole [Technical Program](#) is available, including the conference [Featured Events](#). We look forward to seeing you there!

The Fellows Council

The AIChE Fellows Council (FC) oversees the organized activities of the Fellows and is to meet at least four times per year to discuss Fellow activities and policies. Normally, two meetings are to be face-to-face at the AIChE Annual Meeting and the AIChE Spring Meeting, and two or more are virtual. In 2020, the pandemic prevented all face-to-face meetings. See below for summaries of the virtual meetings since July. Fellows are encouraged to contact any of the FC leaders about issues that should be considered.

Fellows Council Activities

- [AIChE Annual Meeting Fellows Virtual Gathering Recap](#)
- [Global Solutions and Outreach Programs \(GSOP\)](#)
- [AIChE's Statement on Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion: IDEAL](#)
- [Notes from November, January & February FC Meetings](#)
- [Many Long-Time Fellows and Recent Ones Too!](#)

For details and making comments about these items, send email to fellowscouncil@aiiche.org.

See the full Fellows Council [roster here](#).



Save and download the new AIChE Fellow ribbon and add it to your email signature to show your pride in belonging to AIChE!

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AIChE Foundation News

Celebrating Fellows Giving to the Doing a World of Good campaign

Since the 2014 launch of the [Doing a World of Good campaign](#), over \$27MM has been raised with AIChE Fellows contributing \$1.88 MM! Thanks to Fellows generosity and support AIChE has:

- Awarded 182,615 safety certificates to students worldwide
- Funded 247 scholarships to underrepresented students pursuing chemical engineering
- Engaged 6,124 members of the AIChE K-12 Community

The AIChE Fellows Endowment

Our endowment to support student programming was launched in Fall 2020. The Fellows Council chose the [AIChE Chemical Engineering for Good Challenge](#) (ACE4G) for inaugural funding. Donations so far have amounted to \$6000.

The Fellows Endowment Steering Committee (Eduardo Glandt, Annette Johnston, Robert Ofoli, Syamal Poddar, Jo Rogers, Ronald W. Rousseau, and Greg Yeo) is developing a peer-to-peer fundraising strategy to engage Fellows to reach our initial shared goal of \$150,000.

Donate today!

FOSSI - Transforming Lives and Opening Doors

FOSSI ([The Future of STEM Scholars Initiative](#)) is a national program aimed at increasing the number of minorities in the STEM workforce by providing scholarships to students pursuing STEM degrees at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and connecting these students to internships, leadership development and mentoring opportunities at participating companies.

FOSSI scholars will receive \$40,000 (4-year scholarships of \$10,000 per year) and become a member of a cohort of future innovators and changemakers. Please visit the FOSSI site on how you can become involved. We will announce our first cohort later this spring, so stay tuned!

2020 AIChE Virtual Gala

The 2020 AIChE “Doing a World of Good” Gala recognized companies and their leaders for solving societal problems and benefitting humanity through the safe and responsible practice of chemical engineering. Funds raised at the 2020 gala are supporting underrepresented communities, specifically focusing on expanding opportunities for minority students pursuing careers in STEM. [Watch an archive of the gala](#), which celebrated the changemakers who are transforming the chemical engineering profession.

Syamal and Susmita Poddar Continue Supporting Young Professional Engineers

The AIChE Foundation had the opportunity to connect founding donors, Syamal and Susmita Poddar, to the [2020 Poddar Rising Chemical Engineer Awardee, Andrea Acosta Figueredo](#). Andrea, an AIChE Young Professional member, was past president of the Universidad Nacional de Colombia AIChE student chapter and was awarded the AIChE International Student Chapter Leadership Development Travel Grant in 2018. Andrea, shared with the Poddars her undergraduate studies and her current work as a member of the MEGIA Research Project team and graduate school in Stuttgart, Germany.

Dr. Arindam Bose’s BioCatalyst Matching Gift Challenge

Help support the next generation of biological engineers by joining [Dr. Arindam Bose’s Matching Gift Challenge](#)! All gifts made now through May 31, 2021 will be matched, doubling AIChE’s Society for Biological Engineering (SBE) global impact and student reach.

Doing a World of Good Raj and Kamla Gupta Podcast Series

Tune into the [latest podcast episode](#) featuring AIChE Young Professionals, discussing the importance of LGBTQ+ & Allies inclusivity, visibility within industry, and academia and the value of mentorship.

AIChE Foundation 2021 First Cycle of Grants Awarded

Thanks to the generosity of our [Annual Fund](#) donors, three transformative projects have been awarded grant funding for the 2021 first cycle.

1. AIChE Chemical Engineering for Good Challenge (ACE4G)
2. Intersectionality in Chemical Engineering Topical
3. The Energy Innovation Corps (EIC)

Useful Links

- [Fellows Member Directory](#)
- [Fellows Council](#)
- [AIChE Academy](#)
- [AIChE Student Chapters Near You](#)
- [AIChE Local Sections](#)
- [AIChE's Public Affairs and Information Committee \(PAIC\)](#)
- [Past Fellows Newsletters](#)

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