

## Science Writer

The Science Writer, housed in External Affairs and Communications, is responsible for researching, writing, and editing a range of ACS science- and Society-related press releases and other materials under strict deadlines. The incumbent will also aid in the connecting reporters with experts in the chemical enterprise.

- Create high-quality communications materials by researching and writing press releases and other briefs for use in the weekly ACS PressPac, a lay-language news digest containing brief summaries of research published in ACS journals; press releases on embargoed ACS Publications content; and press releases on information that will be presented at national and regional meetings each year. Also contribute to related multimedia script writing, as needed. Scan ACS journals for potential news items and pitch those to Manager, Science Communications.
- Responding to media requests and assist with the ACS Experts program, which connects chemical subject matter experts with reporters who need such expertise for stories. The incumbent will take the lead monitoring and responding to requests from the media for journal articles, researcher contact information and policy statements.
- Prepare written or web materials for special projects and Society releases, as needed. Assist with other tasks, such as distributing news to media, as needed.

### Education/Requirements

- A bachelor's degree in chemistry or closely related scientific field is required. A graduate degree is strongly desired.
- Experience in communications, the news business or public relations is strongly desired. Three to five years of experience required. Education can substitute for experience.
- Demonstrated experience in writing, editing, and reporting science for the mass media and other audiences required; strong knowledge of reporters' needs; experience and/or training in science or science writing, especially the chemical sciences, strongly preferred.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills are required. Familiarity with AP style is preferred.

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