

Association of Multicultural Scientists

Mission Statement:

The Association of Multicultural Scientists (AMS) believes that in order to obtain “the sharing of knowledge through education for a diverse community (which will) benefit the people of the state, the nation, and the world” (Mission Statement, University of Minnesota Board of Regents Policy, adopted: 1/14/94), proactive initiatives must be set in place to promote such a community. AMS is founded on the premise that in order to obtain diversity within the campus’s scientific community, it is imperative that members belonging to historically underrepresented groups be present on all levels of the University’s infrastructure. AMS is committed to aid in the recruitment and retention of minority graduate students and faculty.

Purpose:

The Association of Multicultural Scientists (AMS) is a student organization comprised primarily of historically underrepresented students* pursuing a Master’s or PhD degree in an applied science graduate program at the University of Minnesota. AMS is dedicated to the support, retention and recruitment of historically underrepresented students in the applied science disciplines. Our primary goals are to 1) assist students in the successful completion of their graduate studies by offering activities and support which will meet academic, professional, and social needs in an atmosphere of cultural context and comfort; 2) promote awareness within the university’s scientific community of the ever growing presence of qualified minority post doctoral trainees and faculty candidates and 3) promote awareness of other minority programs on campus through joint sponsorship of activities.

AMS is an organization open to enrolled minority graduate students and post doctorates affiliated with the academic health sciences at the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities campus. AMS members are expected to attend meetings and participate in sponsored activities including:

- Guest minority faculty seminar series
- Quarterly Roundtable luncheons
- Careers in Science mixers
- “Welcome to the U” Social gathering

* Historically underrepresented populations include citizens of African-American, Pacific Islander, Southeast Asian, Hispanic/Chicano/Latino, and American Indian decent.

University of Minnesota Graduate School Commitment to Diversity

The Graduate School embraces the University of Minnesota's position that promoting and supporting diversity among the student body is central to the academic mission of the University. We define diversity to encompass many characteristics including economic disadvantage, special talents, evidence of leadership qualities, race or ethnicity, a strong work record, and disability. A diverse student body enriches graduate education by providing a multiplicity of views and perspectives that enhance research, teaching, and the development of new knowledge. A diverse mix of students promotes respect for, and opportunities to learn from, others with the broad range of backgrounds and experiences that constitute modern society. Higher education trains the next generation of leaders of academia and society in general, and such opportunities for leadership should be accessible to all members of society. The Graduate School and its constituent graduate programs are therefore committed to providing equal access to educational opportunities through recruitment, admission, and support programs that promote diversity, foster successful academic experiences, and cultivate the leaders of the next generation.

University of Minnesota Graduate-level Applied Bio-Science programs:

Animal Science	MS PhD
Applied Plant Science	MS PhD
Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biophysics	MS PhD
Biological Sciences	MBS
Biophysical Science and Medical Physics	MS PhD
Cellular and Integrative Physiology	MS PhD
Epidemiology	MS PhD
Food Science	MS PhD
Medicinal Chemistry	MS PhD
Microbiology, Immunology and Cancer Biology	MS PhD
Molecular, Cellular, Developmental Biology and Genetics	MS PhD
Neuroscience	MS PhD
Pharmacology	MS PhD
Pharmaceutics	MS PhD
Plant Biology	MS PhD
Toxicology	MS PhD
Soil Science	MS PhD
Medical School	MD PhD