

**Application “Excellence In Graduate Polymer Research Symposium”
ACS Division of Polymer Chemistry (POLY)**

ACS National Meeting, March 22-26, 2026 in Atlanta, GA

Please submit one form for each applicant. Only one student to be nominated by each department. Previous Excellence Symposia participants will not be eligible to participate in the current (2026) Excellence Symposium.

1. Demographic information

Full name: _____
Student email: _____
Student phone: _____
Year in graduate school (e.g., 4th): _____
Date of birth: _____
Country of citizenship: _____

University/Institution: _____
Department: _____
City, State: _____
Research Advisor: _____
Research advisor's email: _____

2. Required items (checklist below is due before Sept 29th, 2025)

- ☐ Letter of recommendation from advisor (1 page or less)
- ☐ Letter of support from department chair (or equivalent) confirming nomination (1 page or less)
- ☐ Student application materials:
 - This completed application form
 - Overview of research (1 page or less)
 - Statement of goals (1 paragraph)

To submit a complete application, collect all of the items listed above (preferably compiled into a single PDF) and email them to: **Prof. Jeffrey Self, Arizona State University — jeffreysself@asu.edu**

Furthermore, a graphical abstract must be submitted directly to MAPS. To submit an abstract, go to the MAPS website (maps.acs.org) and enter “POLY” for *Program Area* and “Excellence in Graduate Polymer Research” for *Symposium*. Abstracts and applications must be submitted prior to the MAPS closing date. The MAPS system is open now and will close on September 29th, 2025.