



## An Open Letter to employers seeking applicants at the SERMACS2011 Career Fair

Greetings Employers:

Your company is invited to participate in the Career Fair at this year's Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society, SERMACS 2011, to be held in Richmond, Virginia, on October 27 and 28. The American Chemical Society is the world's largest professional organization with over one hundred sixty thousand well-trained professional chemists and professionals in related fields in science and engineering. The national organization holds career fairs at its two national meetings each year. In 2011 the meeting in March was held in Anaheim, California; and the fall meeting in August will be in Denver, Colorado. In addition to the two national meetings, there are annual regional meetings in the ten regions. The Southeastern Region of the American Chemical Society, SERMACS, encompasses members in thirty-nine local sections from Louisiana to Virginia. There were over sixteen hundred registrants at last year's SERMACS2010 meeting in New Orleans, LA. The last time SERMACS was held in Richmond, VA, in 1991 there were 1250 registered members. Your organization's participation in the SERMACS2011 Career Fair will be a cost-effective and efficient way for your company to reach a large pool of well-prepared job applicants.

The entire SERMACS2011 meeting will be held at the Omni Hotel in Richmond, Virginia, beginning at noon on Wednesday, 26 October 2011, and ending at noon on Saturday, 29 October 2011. The Career Fair will begin on at 8 a.m. on Thursday, 27 October 2011, and end at 5 p.m. on Friday, 28 October 2011. Job applicants will be able to participate in American Chemical Society presentations on "Planning Your Job Search", "Resume Preparation", and "Interviewing Skills" on morning of the first day. On both days of the Career Fair, files of registered job applicants will be available for you to review, and space will be available for you to conduct interviews with applicants that you select. During the Career Fair, job applicants will also be able search files of jobs listed and can request interviews.

Because some organizations plan to complete their hiring process this year prior to the last week of October, if you so indicate on your registration form, applicants who appear to have qualifications for the positions you list may be asked to contact your organization directly prior to the actual Career Fair.

The simple employer registration forms are available electronically at [www.sermacs2011.org/careers](http://www.sermacs2011.org/careers). These forms for jobs you wish to announce may be submitted electronically or by mail. There is no cost to you or your organization to participate in the Career Fair, since this is a service provided by the American Chemical Society and its Southeastern Region to both companies and chemical professionals. If your representatives also wish to participate in other aspects of SERMACS2011, they are encouraged to register for rest of the meeting.

We encourage your organization to participate in this unique opportunity to locate professionals needed to further the mission of your organization.

Sincerely,

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for the SERMACS 2011 Career Fair Subcommittee