



President's Council of Student Advisors

Graduate and Undergraduate Students are encouraged to **APPLY!**

ACerS President's Council of Student Advisors (PCSA)
is now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 Class of Delegates.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE March 26, 2021!

The 2020-21 class of PCSA delegates consists of 43 students from 26 universities, representing 4 countries.

WHAT IS PCSA?

The President's Council of Student Advisors (PCSA) is the student-led committee of The American Ceramic Society (ACerS) composed of ceramic and glass-focused students from around the world.



WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF PCSA?

- Coordinate student-focused ceramic and glass programming at technical meetings.
- Develop and implement outreach activities.
- Facilitate industry-student relations.
- Provide a way for students to become actively engaged as leaders in the ceramic and glass materials community.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A PCSA DELEGATE?

- A strong interest in ceramics/glass
- Leadership qualities
- Reliability and strong drive

**“PCSA prepared me
for leadership roles
not only in ACerS but my
career as well”**



—Lisa Rueschhoff

Materials Research Engineer, AFRL

2014-2017: Recruitment chair, PCSA council chair

**“My involvement in
PCSA really sets me apart
from my peers”**



—Jessica Rimsza

Staff member, Sandia National Laboratory

2013-2016: Programming chair, PCSA council chair

**“My role at PCSA expanded
my network and got me where
I am today”**



—Ashley Hilmas

Research Materials Engineer, AFRL

2016-2019 Finance chair, PCSA council chair

To get more information about us, find the application, or join us
for informal discussions please visit:

ceramics.org/applypcsa



PCSA

Committees & Leadership Opportunities

New and returning delegates gather in the Fall on the weekend prior to MS&T, for the PCSA annual business meeting. All delegates choose to serve on one of our five committees for the next year and have the opportunity to take leadership roles within the PCSA.

Delegates establish new goals for the upcoming year, discuss committee plans, and reassess progress made over the previous year. Committees meet virtually throughout the year in order to accomplish their goals.

PCSA LEADERSHIP ROLES

PCSA Committee Chair

Each PCSA committee has a Chair who is in charge of organizing committee meetings, delegating tasks to the committee, and attending Chair meetings.

PCSA Chair

The PCSA Chair oversees the delegation, runs the Annual Business Meeting, organizes Chair meetings, and serves as the liaison between ACerS and PCSA.

PCSA DIVISIONAL DELEGATES

Each of the 11 ACerS divisions has at least 1 Divisional Delegate from the PCSA, who will attend the meetings of the division and serve as the liaison between the division and PCSA.



PCSA delegates meeting virtually at the 2020 Annual Business Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- Manages PCSA social media accounts
- Helps other committees advertise their events
- Organizes authors for the Deciphering the Discipline column for the *ACerS Bulletin* monthly publication

EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE

- Manages mentor program that pairs PCSA, ACerS GGRN, and Keramos students with a mentor in industry or academia
- Organizes the Humanitarian Pitch Competition held at the annual Materials Science & Technology (MS&T) conference

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- Implements outreach activities or tools to K-12 classrooms, such as the ACerS Materials Science Kits
- Organizes the Day in the Life series on the PCSA Instagram

PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

- Organizes the Student Tour at MS&T
- Plans the Shot Glass and SIFT Competitions at ICACC
- Plans online competitions for students

RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

- Responsible for recruiting new members to PCSA
- Reviews applications for new and returning delegates



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Shot Glass Competition at ICACC 2020

