

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

**ACerS President's Council of Student Advisors (PCSA)** is now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 Class of Delegates.

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE March 8, 2024!**

*The 2023-2024 class of delegates consists of 38 students from 19 universities, representing 5 countries.*

## WHAT IS PCSA?

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

**"PCSA has given me the opportunity to establish a global network and help my community"**



—Hugh Smith  
Graduate Student, MIT  
2023-2024: Education Chair

**"I enjoy being part of PCSA because I get to become friends and colleagues with other young professionals"**



—Brittney Hauke  
Graduate Student,  
Penn State University  
2023-2024: Communication Chair

**"PCSA helped kickstart my professional career, and make connections in the US and internationally"**



—Ruth Adam  
Graduate Student, University of Cologne  
2023-2024: Recruitment and Retention chair

## WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF PCSA?

- Coordinate student-focused ceramic and glass programming.
- Develop and implement educational activities.
- Facilitate industry-student relations.
- Help actively engage students 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 delegates along with previous ACerS President, Sanjay Mathur, (center-left) and current ACerS President, Raj Bordia (center-right) at the 2023 PCSA Annual Business Meeting*



For more information and to apply, please visit:

[ceramics.org/applypcsas](https://ceramics.org/applypcsas)

# 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 a committee to serve on 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 to accomplish their goals.

### PCSA LEADERSHIP ROLES

#### PCSA Council Chair and Vice Chair

The PCSA Council Chair and Vice Chair oversee the delegation, run the Annual Business Meeting, and serve as liaisons between PCSA and ACerS.

#### PCSA Committee Chair

Each PCSA committee has a Chair who is responsible for organizing committee meetings, delegating tasks to committee members, and coordinating with the other Chairs.

#### PCSA Divisional Delegates

PCSA Divisional Delegates attend division meetings for an ACerS division and serve as liaisons for PCSA, engaging delegates with leaders in their field.

Other leadership roles include liaisons to groups outside of PCSA and project based task force groups.



*PCSA delegates collaborate at the 2022 PCSA Annual Business Meeting*

### PCSA COMMITTEES

#### Communications

- Manages social media accounts and helps advertise PCSA events
- Organizes the Day in the Life series on the PCSA social media and the Deciphering the Discipline column for the *ACerS Bulletin* monthly publication

#### Professional Development

- Creates networking opportunities
- Hosts webinar series and conference symposiums

#### Education

- Implements outreach activities, expanding awareness of ceramics and glass fields
- Develops and offers educational tools to K-12 classrooms, such as the ACerS Materials Science Kits

#### Conference Programming and Competitions

- Organizes the Student Tour at MS&T
- Plans Shot Glass competition at ICCAC, Humanitarian Pitch competition, and various virtual competitions

#### Recruitment and Retention

- Expands the PCSA network of contacts
- Manages application process for new and returning delegates



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*Shot Glass Competition entries at ICACC*

