Diversity, Inclusion, and Outreach Programs

Our Diversity is Our Strength. TPCB and the Weill Cornell and David Rockefeller graduate schools are strongly committed to promoting diversity and inclusion at all levels in science. We recognize that outstanding students come from all walks of life, regardless of racial, ethnic, cultural, or socioeconomic background; gender identity or sexual orientation; or disabilities, be they visible or invisible. The program has zero tolerance for racism and discrimination in any form, and works actively to combat unconscious bias in our admissions, recruiting, and curricular activities. We also advocate for diversity in faculty hiring at the three institutions.

Outreach activities to underserved communities represent a critical avenue to promoting diversity in STEM in the long term. TPCB strongly encourages all students and faculty to participate in outreach programs on a regular basis in order to maximize their impacts.

For more information, see: https://chembio.triiprograms.org/about-tpcb/diversity-inclusion/

Students with any questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding diversity, inclusion, and outreach are encouraged to contact the Program Director and may also contact the professional staff listed below directly. Information is also provided on how to request disability support services, and how to report bias, discrimination, harassment, mistreatment, or misconduct.

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For information on Diversity & Inclusion programs at the Weill Cornell Graduate School for TPCB students at WCM and MSK, see:  
https://gradschool.weill.cornell.edu/diversity-and-inclusion

These programs include:

- **Breaking Bread** - dinner and open conversations exploring belief systems, stereotypes
- **Coffee Hours** - connect with fellow students, postdocs, faculty, staff to foster community
- **Esprit de Corps** - mentorship program for 1st-year PhD students from diverse bkgds  
  https://gradschool.weill.cornell.edu/student-experience/diversity-and-inclusion/esprit-de-corps
- **Initiative to Maximize Student Development (IMSD)** - fellowship program for incoming PhD students from underrepresented backgrounds  
  https://gradschool.weill.cornell.edu/WCGSIMS
- **Orientation Diversity Mixer** - brings together incoming and current students from underrepresented groups
- **LGBTQ Groups** - foster supportive, inclusive community for LGBTQ+ students  
  LGBTQ+: https://diversity.weill.cornell.edu/diverse-communities/lgbt  
  QI!: lad2027@med.cornell.edu
- **Tri-Institutional Minority Society (TIMS)** - open to all, Tri-I campus students, postdocs, technicians, faculty, and staff to build community and support for minorities in science  
  https://diversity.weill.cornell.edu/diverse-communities/tri-i-groups
• **Tri-Institutional Women in Science** - fosters connections across the three institutions
  https://gradschool.weill.cornell.edu/news/tri-institutional-women-science-mixer

• Women in Medicine & Science - promotes full participation & success of women at WCM
  https://diversity.weill.cornell.edu/diverse-communities/women-medicine-science

**For information on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programs at The Rockefeller University for TPCB students at RU, see:**
https://www.rockefeller.edu/odei/

• **RockOut (formerly People at Rockefeller Identifying as Sexual Minorities, PRISM)** - fosters community by supporting and affirming experiences of LGBTQ+ colleagues
  http://rockoutrockefeller.org/

• **Rockefeller Inclusive Science Initiative (RISI)** - empowers graduate students from underrepresented backgrounds to participate in and increase representation in science
  https://rurisi.com/

• **Tri-Institutional Minority Society (TIMS)** - open to all Tri-I community members to build community and support for scientists from underrepresented backgrounds
  https://diversity.weill.cornell.edu/diverse-communities/tri-i-groups

• **Women in Science at Rockefeller (WISeR)** - promotes institutional equality and success of women scientists, serves as platform for professional devt. and community advocacy
  https://www.wiseratrockefeller.com/

**For information on Outreach programs at the Weill Cornell Graduate School for TPCB students at WCM and MSK, see:**
https://gradschool.weill.cornell.edu/about-us/science-outreach

These programs include:

• **Big Red Stem Day** - full day, interactive event for undeserved high school students
  https://diversity.weill.cornell.edu/about-us/diversity-news/big-red-stem-day

• **NYC Teachers Workshop** - provides teacher professional development in STEM
  https://diversity.weill.cornell.edu/student-diversity/enrichment-programs

• **Tri-I Outreach Committee (TORC)** - coordinates volunteer efforts among Tri-I volunteers
  https://gradschool.weill.cornell.edu/tri-i-outreach-committee-torc

• **Tri-I Mentorship Initiative (TIMI)** - provides peer mentorship to students from underserved groups who are applying to biomedical graduate programs

**For information on Outreach programs at The Rockefeller University for TPCB students at RU, see:**
https://www.rockefeller.edu/outreach/

• **RockEDU Science Outreach** - organizes science outreach programs for K-12 students
For information about diversity-focused summer undergraduate pipeline programs organized through the Weill Cornell Graduate School, see:

https://diversity.weill.cornell.edu/student-diversity/enrichment-programs

- **ACCESS** - for undergraduates from underrepresented and disadvantaged backgrounds interested in pursuing PhD
  
  https://gradschool.weill.cornell.edu/student-experience/diversity-and-inclusion/summer-undergraduate-research

- **Gateways to the Laboratory Program** - for undergraduates from underrepresented and disadvantaged backgrounds interested in pursuing MD-PhD, organized by the Tri-I MD-PhD Program
  
  https://weill.cornell.edu/mdphd/summerprogram

- **TIMS Summer Scholars Research Program** - organized by Tri-I students for students from underrepresented and low-income backgrounds with limited exposure to research
  
  https://diversity.weill.cornell.edu/student-diversity/enrichment-programs

For other summer undergraduate pipeline programs that encourage applications for students from underrepresented and disadvantaged backgrounds, see:

- Tri-I ChBSP (chem bio) - https://chembio.triiprograms.org/about-tpcb/summer-internship/
- Tri-I CBSP (computational biology) - https://compbio.triiprograms.org/cbsp/
- GSK SURP - https://www.sloankettering.edu/gerstner/summer-undergraduate-research
- RU SURF - https://www.rockefeller.edu/education-and-training/surf/

For information on Student Disability Services at the Weill Cornell Graduate School for TPCB students at WCM and MSK, see:

- Student Disability Services - for disability services and ADA accommodation requests
  
  https://studentservices.weill.cornell.edu/student-life/student-disability-services

For information on Student Disability Services at The Rockefeller University for TPCB students at RU, see:

- Individuals with Disabilities - for disability services and ADA accommodation requests
  
  https://www.rockefeller.edu/human-resources/disabilities/
For information on reporting bias, discrimination, harassment, mistreatment, and misconduct at the Weill Cornell Graduate School for TPCB students at WCM and MSK, see:

- **Weill Cornell Trainer-Learner Committee** - monitors, reviews, investigates, and aids in resolution of mistreatment issues ([wcgstlc@med.cornell.edu](mailto:wcgstlc@med.cornell.edu))
  [https://gradschool.weill.cornell.edu/WCGSTLC](https://gradschool.weill.cornell.edu/WCGSTLC)

- **Weill Cornell Student Ombudsperson** - offers a safe place for confidential discussions of problems including academic issues, inpersonal conflicts, and harassment

- **Sexual Misconduct & Campus Security** - to report sexual misconduct & Title IX violations
  [https://medicaleducation.weill.cornell.edu/student-resources/sexual-misconduct-campus-security](https://medicaleducation.weill.cornell.edu/student-resources/sexual-misconduct-campus-security)

For information on reporting bias, discrimination, harassment, mistreatment, and misconduct at The Rockefeller University for TPCB students at RU, see:

- **Working at Rockefeller** - for information on non-discrimination policy and to report issues
  [https://www.rockefeller.edu/human-resources/working-at-rockefeller/](https://www.rockefeller.edu/human-resources/working-at-rockefeller/)

- **Title IX** - to report sexual misconduct & Title IX violations
  [https://www.rockefeller.edu/human-resources/title-ix/](https://www.rockefeller.edu/human-resources/title-ix/)