
Dear Chemistry alumni,

I'm writing to ask you to join me in a new endeavor to honor distinguished professor emeritus Phil Crews. We have launched the [Phillip Crews Endowment for Diversity in Chemistry](#) at UC Santa Cruz and need your help to reach \$100,000 by December 31. I want to share with you how your gift will impact our young chemistry students and honor Phil's many contributions to chemistry and UCSC.



With an initial gift of \$50,000 from generous donors, this endowment will fund the Phillip Crews Symposium to promote diverse voices in chemistry and biochemistry. We are excited that we will be able to launch the symposium this fall.

Once it grows to \$100,000, the endowment will also support research and other experiential learning activities for chemistry and biochemistry students, with a preference for those who have experienced situations or conditions that have adversely impacted their advancement in their field of study—such as belonging to a group that is under-represented in the field, being disabled, or being a first-generation college student. In this way, the Crews endowment will open doors for academic and career success for all young scientists and improve diversity.

Phil's immensely productive career encompasses research and teaching, and through that work he has tirelessly built diversity in science. In the research realm, his seminal work in marine natural products has led to numerous discoveries, achievements, and awards—and to the development of core labs in bioanalytical chemistry at UCSC, including the Chemical Screening Center. Phil continues to pursue biosynthetic products from tropical sponges and marine microorganisms in his ongoing research ventures.

Alongside his academic endeavors, Phil has participated in numerous outreach programs aimed at increasing diversity in the field of chemistry. His crowning achievement, the NIH-supported ACCESS program, has provided an academic bridge to biomedical research for more than 7000 diverse transfer students from local community colleges since 1994.

Please join me today in supporting the Phillip Crews Endowment for Diversity in Chemistry—and encourage your fellow slugs to join you. There are numerous ways to give, and I invite you to reach out to me or Tim Bensch (831-459-4572 or tbensch@ucsc.edu) to discuss a giving plan that works for you. Tim can also answer any questions you might have regarding giving via check, securities, donor advised fund, IRA rollover, or an estate bequest. If you don't have any questions and are ready to give, please click below to give online.

[DONATE NOW](#)

Finally, please save October 8, 2021 for the inaugural Phillip Crews Symposium to

experience inspiring science and celebrate Phil's many accomplishments. We will be back in touch with the details.

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