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**FREE application through December 1, 2021**

Dear Colleague:

Do you know a student who is applying to chemistry graduate studies to start in 2022?

Vanderbilt Chemistry is renown for its strong disciplinary training, interdisciplinary research, and placement of graduates with leading companies and universities. Our faculty values teaching, research, and mentoring equally, a formula that develops outstanding young scientists, readying them for a competitive job search.

You may have crossed paths with our graduates in academic and industrial positions. They are the present and past of Vanderbilt Chemistry. We seek your help in identifying the future of Vanderbilt Chemistry. My colleagues and I would be grateful if you could recommend our program to your finest undergraduates planning their post-graduate studies this year.

We're pleased to announce that our **application fee waivers have been extended** to include those received by December 1, 2021!



***Leila F. Deravi***

***Wright Lab - PhD 2009***

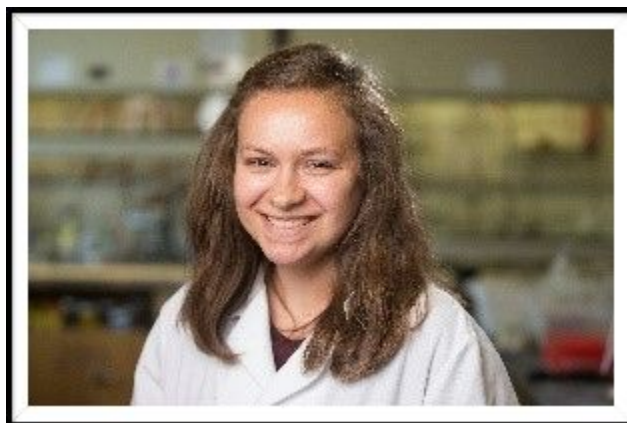
***Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology  
Northeastern University***

“Matriculating through the Chemistry Ph.D. program at Vanderbilt was a great experience for me. In many ways, it gave me my first taste of what it takes to do translational science and the power behind building the right team in accomplishing these goals. At Vanderbilt, I got the opportunity and freedom to engage with multiple faculty and graduate students across science and engineering to help accomplish my research goals. This experience helped to propel me into my own independent career as a faculty member in the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology at Northeastern University, where I try to provide my own students and postdocs with similar opportunities in building their careers.”



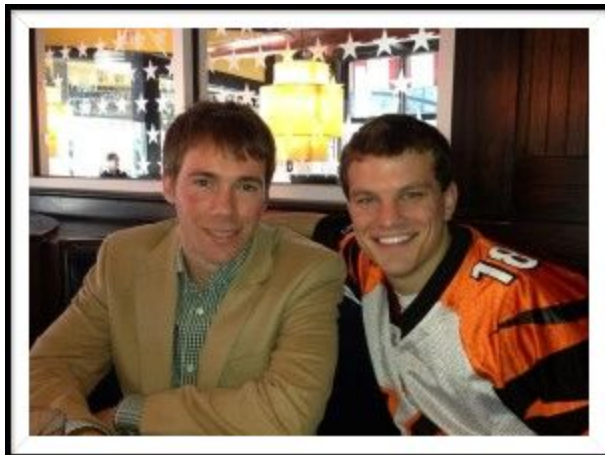
***Don E. Davis, Jr.***  
***McLean Lab - PhD 2021***  
***Scientist, Janssen Pharmaceuticals***

“The graduate program in the Department of Chemistry at Vanderbilt University is an excellent environment for advancing scientific curiosity. My scientific development was mainly due to being mentored efficiently, having access to a wealth of knowledge/resources, and experiencing collaborative inquiry consistently. In addition, Vanderbilt is located next door to its medical center and in the heart of Nashville, which gives its students many professional and personal/social development options both within and outside of Vanderbilt’s campus. Therefore, I think the opportunities at the graduate program in the Department of Chemistry at Vanderbilt University are essential for developing the next generation of scientific leaders.”



***Kelly M. Craft***  
***Townsend Lab - PhD 2018***  
***Senior Scientist, AbbVie Pharmaceuticals***

“The biggest impact of the graduate program in chemistry is that it helped me settle on a career path (one which I didn’t know I wanted to pursue until my time in the Townsend lab). The department introduced me to a highly collaborative environment between biologists and chemists and showed me how fruitful these collaborations can be in research. I was given the opportunity to do research outside my primary discipline - which helped me become an effective communicator and enhanced my scientific writing and reading skills.”



**Michael W. Danneman**  
**Johnston Lab - PhD 2016**

**Senior Scientist, Discovery Chemistry, Moderna Therapeutics**

*(also pictured: Tyler Davis, PhD – 2011, Research Scientist, Corteva Agriscience)*

“The Department of Chemistry at Vanderbilt University offers a top quality education along with exciting research opportunities. The knowledge base that was established during my time at Vanderbilt allowed me to reach my full potential to become the best possible scientist I could be. My exposure to the cutting-edge research within the Vanderbilt Department of Chemistry taught me effective problem-solving skills that I still use, professionally, to this day.”

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