When you think of a successful chemist, you might think of a professor conducting research at a university. But there are so many other career opportunities available! Look at some of the other ways your fellow ACS members are making contributions to chemistry based on 2013 employment data referenced in the ACS Symposium Series chapter "Career Challenges and Opportunities in the Global Chemistry Enterprise." For further insight, check out the ACS Symposium Series eBook Careers, Entrepreneurship, and Diversity: Challenges and Opportunities in the Global Chemistry Enterprise.

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WHERE – DO ACS MEMBERS WORK? WORK FUNCTIONS
OF ACS MEMBERS IN
CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

Analytical Services	11.0%
Chemistry Information Services	1.1%
Computer Programming, Analysis, Design	1.2%
Consulting	2.7%
Forensic Analysis	0.7%
General Management (non-R&D)	4.0%
Health and Safety/ Regulatory Affairs	3.2%
Marketing, Sales	5.2%
Patents, Licensing, Trademarks	2.0%
Production, Quality Control	6.9%
R&D: Applied Research	38.5%
R&D: Basic Research	8.6%
R&D: Management	10.9%
Teaching or Training	0.6%
Other	3.4%

10 MOST POPULAR
SECTORS FOR ACS
INDUSTRIAL MEMBERS

22.2% Pharmaceutical products

8.3% Specialty/Fine Chemicals

5.8% Other Manufacturing

5.0% Professional Services -Scientific/Engineering/Law

4.7% Petroleum/Natural Gas

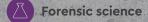
4.1% Biotech Research Firm

4.1% Coatings/Paints/Inks

3.6% Medical Devices/ Diagnostic Products

3.1% Instruments

3.1% Analytical Service/ Testing Laboratory Chemicals



54.3% Industry

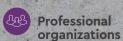
36.5% Academia

7.6% | Government 1.6% | Self-employed

Technology transfer

Opportunities involving patents

Opportunities involving venture capital



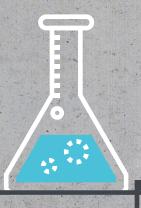
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