



Dear Fellow ACS Members,

Today, I want to tell you about a summer program sponsored by ACS that is about to turn 50 years old.

Established in 1968, a time of civil and social unrest, Project SEED was started to help provide support and opportunities to all students whose talent and hard work would give them the tools to contribute to advances in chemistry that would benefit all of society.

In the last 50 years, the summer program has provided experience and guidance to thousands of high school students and has produced chemists, engineers and professors who are making a difference today.

Each year, college professors from Rhode Island mentor high school students, who participate in research projects, get ready for college and learn much about laboratory science and careers. Students from this program often present their projects at ACS scientific meetings. We have about 8 groups of students participating in this program each summer. Last year, participating colleges included: Brown, Rhode Island College, Bryant, and URI.

The students are paid by ACS for 8 to 10 weeks of learning and researching. However, their mentors are not provided with financial assistance to cover the cost of supplies and must purchase them using their own project grant funds.

The Rhode Island Section of the ACS is reaching out to its members today to ask for small donations to help us make these student experiences more impactful. Many small gifts can really make a difference. Also, your gift is fully tax-deductible, as we are a non-profit organization.

In addition, our section will match your donations up to a total of \$ 700.

The total will be divided among our mentors and provide some much-needed support during these lean times for real scientific research. They will also provide a vote of confidence for these mentors, their students and their work.

We thank you in advance for considering this worthy cause. For your convenience, I have provided you with a QR code to donate directly to RIACS through PayPal. Checks should be made out to: "RIACS-Project SEED" and mailed to our treasurer: *Kathy Siok, 86 Spring Road, North Kingstown, RI 02852*. We would like to receive your gift by April 30th.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Chris

Chris Reid, Chair RIACS

