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# REFERRAL CHALLENGE

<https://linktr.ee/nalastem>



**ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS :**

- 1** Invite a friend to join NALA by April 30, 2023.
- 2** Tell them to enter your name as the referrer during sign up.

The top 3 recruiters will have a chance to win a gift card!

**GET READY. GET  
SET. RECRUIT!**





# JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Did you know? We post job opportunities and upcoming events on [our website!](#)

## Assistant Dean for Excellence in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - Binghamton University

The Thomas J. Watson College of Engineering and Applied Science at Binghamton University (SUNY) seeks a dynamic leader to serve as Assistant Dean for Excellence in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

The Assistant Dean is the principal architect of the strategy that ensures the college meets its DEI Vision: to establish an equity-minded STEM community that challenges and eliminates exclusionary systems and practices and promotes innovation and academic success for all students, faculty and staff.

The Assistant Dean serves as a strong advocate for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) within the college and must be a trusted and responsive subject matter expert. They are a critical source of leadership and support for faculty, staff, college leadership, and undergraduate and graduate students. The Assistant Dean oversees the Watson Office for Excellence in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, which provides support to students, faculty, and staff from across the college.

The Thomas J. Watson College of Engineering and Applied Science is strongly committed to cultivating and sustaining an educational and employment environment that is diverse in race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, interests, abilities and perspectives. We value diversity as a strength critical to our educational mission and expect every member of our community to contribute to an inclusive and respectful culture for all. We are dedicated to building a diverse and inclusive teaching, research, and working environment. Potential applicants who share our goals, especially underrepresented minorities, women, and persons with disabilities, who have a demonstrated track record of achievement and success, are strongly encouraged to apply.

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# Get to know our Executive Staff

## Ana Chicas- Mosier, PhD

### Vice President



#### What university are you currently at, and what kind of research are you doing?

I'm a Postdoctoral Fellow at Auburn University, in Auburn, Alabama. I research a lot of things - roach oviposition behavior, kudzu bug (a soy pest) and it's parasitoid wasp, a moth that destroys the trunks of peach trees, squash pests...

I do bugs!

#### Where did you grow up, and has that had an impact on your science journey?

I grew up in Stillwater, Oklahoma, which is where Oklahoma State University is, and where I ended up doing my undergrad and PhD at. Living in a college town, so many people are related to the university. My grandfather was a professor, and my grandmother was an adjunct professor, so I was encouraged to explore science from a young age. Science became a special thing - my grandpa would show me rocks, it was fun, it never felt like pressure.

#### How have your travels influenced your perspective on science?

Science has funded my travel, almost exclusively. When I was a freshman undergrad, Dr. Abramson, who eventually became my PhD advisor, had an REU (Research Experience for Undergraduates) set up, so I went to Turkey and Greece that summer, and studied honey bees in the mediterranean, where they are native. I've been able to do electrofishing in Montana, study flowers in Colorado, and research a sub-species of honeybee in Puerto Rico. I went back to Turkey as a grad student, but when the coup happened, we had to flee to Greece.

My advice: Apply to REU programs, at least 5 a summer. Apply for the NSF GRFP, which funded my graduate study travel. It doesn't necessarily matter if you don't have a great GPA, or don't have research experience - but if you get in, you can go to incredible places to do research, and they'll pay you to do it.

# GET INVOLVED!

Come join us at NALA(STEM)!  
We currently have several open positions.

NALA(STEM) MENTORSHIP  
COMMITTEE MEMBER

NALA(STEM) OUTREACH COMMITTEE  
MEMBER

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