Slack Instructions

Our Slack workspace ChBE@Illinois Grad Recruitment 2022 is the ‘home base’ for our virtual graduate recruitment—explore and interact with our faculty, students, and other recruits on Slack.

Join Slack
You will receive an invitation to our Slack via email. You can also visit go.chbe.illinois.edu/AdmittedPhDSlack to join our Slack workspace. Click ‘Join Now’ and then enter your full name and a password, then click ‘Create Account.’ If you are already signed into another Slack workspace, it will link your accounts automatically.

Download Slack
Go to slack.com/downloads to download Slack’s desktop app, which we recommend you use for this event!

Set up your profile
From the desktop app, click your profile picture in the top right and select ‘Profile’ and then ‘Edit profile.’ From here, edit your full name to be prefaced with ‘(P)’ to denote that you are a prospective student. Upload a picture of yourself and fill out the relevant fields.

Questions can be posed in the #2022-chbe-ask-me-anything channel, including those about the event, how to use Slack, or even the best burger restaurant in town, etc. This channel will be staffed with current students if you have any questions for a specific research group. Submit your questions for the ‘Ask Me Anything’ panel at go.chbe.illinois.edu/AdmittedPhDAMA.

Anything else? If you get lost, don’t know where to start, or need anything at all—reach out to chbe-gradrecruiting@illinois.edu.

Channels Reference List

#2022-chbe-ask-me-anything This channel is a space where you can ask our current graduate students and faculty anything about research, grad life, and beyond. Students representing each lab/group are tuning in to answer your questions.

#2022-chbe-diversity-inclusion This private channel is a space to connect current and potential students who identify as BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, low-income, first-generation, and other underrepresented groups and share resources related to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI).

#2022-chbe-general This channel includes everyone—it’s essentially our event’s homepage, and a great spot to start and check-in for announcements throughout the event. Announcements will be posted in here throughout the recruitment event.

#2022-chbe-international This channel is space for our international community members and admitted students to discuss their experiences, what our community has to offer, and how to adjust to life at Illinois.
Gather/Town Instructions

Our interactive poster sessions, Ask Me Anything panel, and social events will take place in Gather.Town, which allows you to interact through private group video chats among nearby people.

Join Gather.Town
Join Gather.Town via your browser (Google Chrome is preferred) or download the desktop Gather.Town application at gather.town/download. Log in to the space at go.illinois.edu/AdmittedPhDGather (password is chbe2022) using your Google account or university email address and pick out your avatar!

Navigate our town
You can use the up, down, left, and right arrow keys to walk through our Gather.Town spaces. Refer to the attached map, which will be available on the information desks in Gather.Town. See opposite column for descriptions of the our Gather.Town spaces.

Announcements will be posted in the chat feature in Gather.Town. Any urgent announcements in Gather.Town will be made using the spotlight video that is visible to all current visitors within the town.

Questions can be posed via #2022-chbe-ask-me-anything channel on Slack, visiting the info booth in the foyer/poster session room, or sending direct messages to the staff or current graduate students via the chat feature in Gather.Town (people with prefix ‘G’). Submit your questions for the ‘Ask Me Anything’ panel at go.chbe.illinois.edu/AdmittedPhDAMA.

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Spaces Reference List

Central Hub: This is the first room that you will enter after joining Gather.Town, which contains an info booth where you can find the map of the space, schedule, and instructions for using Gather.Town, etc. Current staff members or graduate students will be available to answer any questions during your visit at the info booth. The room also contains a lot of informational videos about our program on the walls. You can interact with these videos and informational documents by walking up to the content and pressing x.

Poster Session: This room mimics a regular poster session. You can interact with the poster/presenter by entering the dedicated space next to the poster. When you enter this space, you’ll see the video feeds for all the participants in the poster session. Press x to view the poster. You can use the zoom button to magnify the poster and click on specific parts of the poster to ask questions. Reference the Poster Session map to find posters/groups that you want to visit!

Social Hour Room: This space was created to house our social events.

Ask Me Anything Panel: This auditorium is for activities that involve the entire town, including the welcome and ‘Ask Me Anything’ session.

Keyboard Shortcuts

(g) Enter ghost mode to walk through others
(x) Interact with an object.
(2) Make your avatar dance.
(f) Shoot confetti in the air (beta)
(Esc) Close interaction/exit
(Ctrl/Cmd + P) Open settings
(Ctrl/Cmd + Shift + A) Turn your mic on/off
(Ctrl/Cmd + Shift + V) - Turn your video on/off
(Ctrl/Cmd + U) - Turn on/off quiet mode (events Spaces) or do not disturb mode
While you are in a Space, you can press the keys 1-6 to emote!

(1) Wave  (2) Heart
(3) Party popper  (4) Thumbs up
(5) Question mark  (6) Raised hand

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Welcome to ChBE at UIUC!!

We are so excited that you are visiting us!

- Poster Session
- Social Hour Room
- Central Hub - this is where you will start!
- Ask Me Anything Panel
Gather.Town Poster Session Map