



Sigma Xi, The Charleston Chapter

Sigma Xi is an international, multidisciplinary community of science and engineering professionals dedicated to research excellence, to promoting public engagement with science, and to fostering the next generation of researchers. In addition to the national and international benefits of the Society (www.sigmaxi.org), your membership will bring you into immediate contact with scientists from all disciplines and in all work environments in our area, including the Medical University of South Carolina, College of Charleston, The Citadel, Charleston Southern University, Trident Tech, NOAA, and SCDNR.

Nominate yourself for membership or renew your membership and then enjoy the benefits:

- **Support of Charleston Area Undergraduate and Graduate Research.** Our Chapter sponsors awards for outstanding research by students at MUSC's Student Research Day, CofC's Marine Biology Colloquium and EXPO, The Citadel's Student Excellence Day, and the South Carolina Academy of Sciences.
- **Student Grants.** Small grants to encourage the professional development of new scientists, including Grants-in-Aid of Research (GIAR) and the Charleston Sigma Xi Psychology & Neuroscience Fund (<https://www.charlestonsigmaxi.org/funding-opportunities->)
- **Support of Charleston Area Schools.** Our Chapter members serve as consultants for local teachers, give classroom presentations to encourage student interest in science, judge science fair projects, host classes for field trips to professional sites, and much more.
- **Local Professional Talks.** Throughout the year our Chapter sponsors research seminars and field activities featuring our own members and their broad range of scientific disciplines.
- **National Speakers.** Each year our Chapter hosts a Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecturer. In 2022, Dr. David Pfennig's lectures on evolutionary biology were a highlight of Darwin Week and featured in American Scientist magazine (<https://www.americanscientist.org/article/evolution-and-the-flexible-organism>).
- **Annual Banquet.** The Charleston Chapter of Sigma Xi hosts an annual banquet to celebrate the research accomplishments of our new members and award winners throughout the year.

For more information go to <https://www.sigmaxi.org/members/becoming-a-member>. Then download the nomination form for becoming a member "through a local Sigma Xi chapter." Send your completed form to the President of the Charleston Chapter of Sigma Xi (see below). We can provide nomination signatures if you do not know other Sigma Xi members.

New member annual dues: \$125 (students \$40) + one time \$20 initiation fee; Transitional dues for recent graduates (e.g. postdocs): \$55.00 + \$20 initiation fee.

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