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Profiles of Chemists



Brian Tweedy

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Education:

B.S. - Biochemistry, University of Maryland

Job Description:

Assistant Editor of journal published by professional society

Interview:

Bryan Tweedy received a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry from the University of Maryland. His interest in a career outside of the laboratory was sparked during his junior year in college when he attended a seminar on opportunities for chemists (and biochemists) in non-traditional career areas. Representatives of the American Chemical Society (ACS) came to the university to speak to students who were considering these career paths.

Shortly after graduating, Tweedy accepted an entry-level position at ACS in the finance office- to get his foot in the door. Not long afterwards, he accepted an editorial position in the ACS Journal Publishing Operations' Manuscript Office, where he assisted in managing the peer-review system for four ACS journals - Environmental Science & Technology, Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry, Industrial & Engineering Chemistry Research, and Journal of Chemical and Engineering Data. He used his background in the chemical sciences to pair authors' research topics with reviewers' expertise, evaluate minor revisions made by authors, and act as liaison between authors, reviewers, and editors.

Over the course of seven years in the Manuscript Office, Tweedy was promoted three times to positions of increasing responsibility before transferring to the Special Publishing Operations arm of ACS. He currently works in that department as an assistant editor for the magazine, Today's Chemist at Work- a one-stop source for information for industrial chemists (primarily those with B.S. or M.S. degrees). Along with monthly feature and department articles that focus on a wide range of chemistry topics, the magazine also publishes articles that cover areas such as personal finance, health, and government regulations. Tweedy writes and edits articles for the magazine. He sometimes travels and conducts interviews to obtain material for the magazine.

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