



Dr. Anna Balazs Recognized by Pittsburgh WCC for Excellence in the Chemical Sciences

McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine affiliated faculty member [Anna Balazs, PhD](#), was selected as this year's recipient of the Greater Pittsburgh Area Women Chemists Committee's (WCC) Award for Excellence in the Chemical Sciences. The award "recognizes the achievements of female chemists and chemical engineers in the greater Pittsburgh area who have a record of accomplishment in their field." According to the committee's chair, Dr. Balazs' packet was "nothing short of extraordinary." Dr. Balazs was recognized at the Awards Banquet of the 2014 American Chemical Society Central Regional Meeting (CERM 2014) held in Pittsburgh on October 30, 2014.



Dr. Balazs is a Distinguished Professor of Chemical Engineering and the Robert v. d. Luft Professor, Department of Chemical & Petroleum Engineering, University of Pittsburgh. She also serves as an Adjunct Professor in Pitt's Department of Chemistry.

Dr. Balazs received a MS from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and went on to earn her PhD from the same university. Her postdoctoral research was completed at Brandeis University, MIT, and the University of Massachusetts. She has also held the position of visiting professor at the Scripps Research Institute in Southern California, the University of Texas at Austin, and Oxford University in the United Kingdom.

The research interests of Dr. Balazs center on statistical, mechanical, and computer modeling of complex chemical systems and developing theories for the properties of polymer blends and the behavior of polymers at surfaces and interfaces.

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