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The American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology is an international nonprofit scientific and educational organization that represents more than 11,000 students, researchers, educators and industry professionals. The ASBMB strongly advocates for strengthening the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) workforce, supporting sustainable funding for the American research enterprise and ensuring diversity, equity and inclusion in STEM.

Recommendation 4: Provide resources to enhance the quality of life of graduate students

To foster an inclusive learning environment for STEM graduate students, more programs and resources are needed to improve graduate student quality of life. Graduate students face hardships caused by lack of access to affordable mental health resources