



Dear members of the American Nuclear Society Student Sections Committee:

The American Nuclear Society, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Student Section (ANS-UIUC) is pleased to submit their proposal to host the 2021 ANS Student Conference. Our student section has grown significantly since our previous proposal submission and the energy of our members is encouraging. Major improvements have been made over our 2019 Student Conference proposal. We believe that ANS-UIUC is qualified and prepared to host a student conference that will motivate students to take on big challenges and engage with the nuclear science community in new ways.

Among the many changes made to this proposal there are two that are worthy of note. First is our theme: Saving the World One Atom at a Time. This theme reflects the important role the nuclear sciences will play in solving many of the World's grand challenges. It also celebrates the people that make science possible. We come to this conference from an infinitude of backgrounds and experiences. Each of us bring individual, atomic, contributions that, together, form the foundations that make breakthroughs possible. This theme encourages us to widen our circles and include scientists with a diversity of thoughts and experiences. The second notable change is the addition of a Diversity Co-Chair. We have elevated this position to the level of co-chair because we are devoted to making this conference as diverse and accessible as possible. This is a novel role for the ANS Student Conference and one we believe will become a staple in future conference proposals.

ANS-UIUC is ready and excited to take on the challenges of hosting a student conference. We are honored to be considered as hosts of the 2021 ANS Student Conference. We hope the message behind our theme resonates with the Student Sections Committee as strongly as it resonated with the students and faculty that made this proposal possible.

Thank you,

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