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Subject: Interdisciplinary Graduate Minor in Computational Science (IGMCS) program proposal  
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The Chemistry Department would like to express its strong support for the proposal to establish an Interdisciplinary Graduate Minor in Computational Science (IGMCS) program. This program will address a developing need in Chemistry and the sciences in general to provide a growing number of students with a sound introduction to computational approaches to a number of important areas of interdisciplinary research. Computational approaches to problems in the sciences is currently one of the fastest growing fields of research in the sciences and our students must be provided with more opportunities to learn more about the specific techniques that are being developed in fields such as chemistry, biochemistry, materials science, nanoscience and catalysis.

The proposal has my enthusiastic support.

Sincerely

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