

NICHOLAS FOSTER

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

B.S. in Chemistry & Chemical Biology | *College of Chemistry*

Minor in Data Science | *College of Computing, Data Science, and Society*

EXPECTED GRADUATION: MAY 2028

GPA: 4.0/4.0

- **Relevant Coursework:** Organic Chemistry & Lab (A+), Data Engineering in Python (A), Linear Algebra & Differential Equations (A)
- **Awards:** VSS x Karius Case Competition 1st Place, ACS Illinois Chemistry Olympiad 1st Place, ACES Illinois State 1st Place

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

J.P. MORGAN CHASE & CO.

Investment Banking Summer Analyst

NEW YORK CITY, NY

Jun 2025 – Aug 2025

- Supported healthcare coverage teams on M&A and capital markets transactions for biopharmaceutical and medtech clients, including IPOs, follow-ons, and strategic alternatives analyses for early-stage and commercial-stage companies
- Conducted comparable company & precedent transaction analysis, and DCF modeling across therapeutics and diagnostics
- Created client materials for strategic reviews, IPOs, and industry trend analyses (e.g., GLP-1s, molecular diagnostics, etc.)

CATEENA PARTNERS

Senior Private Equity Analyst

CHARLESTON, SC

Dec 2024 – June 2025

- Led the brokered search process, sourcing 100+ acquisition targets using LinkedIn, AtoZdatabases, and PPP loan data
- Conducted financial modeling and due diligence on \$1M–\$10M deals, finding trends/synergies for targets and 3 active LOIs
- Standardized onboarding for 8+ analysts, creating a manual & workflow automation, increasing outreach efficiency by 40%

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

NOMURA LAB

Research Assistant

BERKELEY, CA

Sep 2025 – Present

- Synthesized E3 ligase-recruiting PROTACs and structural analogs for an emerging targeted protein degradation platform
- Built a cheminformatics pipeline to automate high-throughput chemoproteomic analysis
- Utilized RDKit and machine learning models to validate screening hits and prioritize high-potential compounds for lab testing

BRADLEY UNIVERSITY

Research Intern

PEORIA, IL

May 2023 – Aug 2023

- Researched, developed, and tested a novel Cu(I)-poly(dimethylsiloxane) mild-condition CuAAC click chemistry catalyst
- Optimized reaction conditions, used 1H-NMR, LC-MS, and flash chromatography, improved final product yields and purity
- Compiled and presented findings at the Bradley Summer Research Symposium to 100+ researchers, showing key insights

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

BERKELEY STUDENT COOPERATIVE

Executive Board Member, Finance Committee & Health Manager

BERKELEY, CA

Jan 2026 – Present

- Co-developed a comprehensive, data-driven financial turnaround strategy that reversed a ~\$500K annual operating loss, reduced debt exposure, and positioned the organization for ~10% YoY growth, its strongest financial outlook in 30 years
- Governed a multimillion-dollar student-housing nonprofit serving 1,250+ members, focusing on budgets and fiscal policies

INVESTMENT BANKING PANEL UC BERKELEY

Founder & Lead Organizer

BERKELEY, CA

Spring 2025

- Organized and moderated an investment banking panel with 7 MDs from JPMorgan, Lazard, Moelis, and other leading firms
- Attracted 250+ attendees and established the event as an annual forum for Berkeley students and finance professionals

SKILLS, ACTIVITIES, & INTERESTS

Technical Skills: Excel, PowerPoint, Python, SQL, R, MATLAB, RDKit, FragPipe, isoDTB, Statistical Analysis, Machine Learning, SAR Analysis, Chemoproteomic & Proteomic Analysis, Git/GitHub, ¹H NMR, Organic Synthesis, Cheminformatics

Finance & Strategy: DCF Modeling, Comparable Company Analysis, Precedent Transactions, LBO Modeling, Scientific Due Diligence, Market Sizing, Competitive Analysis, GTM Strategy, Healthcare & Biotechnology Research, Clinical Trial Analysis

Languages & Activities: Fluent in Russian & Ukrainian; Committee Chair, BioBusiness Initiative at Berkeley; Founder, Berkeley Biotech x Finance Panel; Executive Committee, American Red Cross; Undergraduate Business Group; Berkeley Swim Club;

Interests: Budget Travel; Blue-Run Skiing; Concerts; Budget Gourmet Cooking; Sneakers & Fashion; Custom Keyboards/PCs