# **Megan Ericson**

**Chemistry PhD Student** 

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## **Education**

- 2017-present **PhD Student** / Inorganic Chemistry, Omary Research Group / University of North Texas, Denton, TX
- 2013-2017 **Bachelor of Science** in Chemistry, Mathematics Minor / *Magna cum Laude* / University of North Texas, Denton, TX

#### Awards and Honors

- Spring 2017 J. L. Carrico Award Outstanding performance by a senior chemistry major
- Fall 2013 Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society for first-year students

### **Research Interest/Projects**

Computational study on structural properties of heavy metal sensing trimers

Computational and experimental study on the optimization of HPTS (8-Hydroxypyrene-1,3,6-Trisulfonic Acid) as a carbon dioxide sensor

Intracellular optical carbon dioxide sensors for environmental and biological studies

NASA funded carbon dioxide sensing materials

Computational and experimental study on the binding of electron rich and electron poor metal cluster centers

### **Teaching Experience**

- Spring 2018 **Teaching Assistant for Inorganic Chemistry Labs** Designed and prepared experiments for a research based undergraduate lab while teaching fundamental inorganic laboratory techniques
- Fall 2017Teaching Assistant for Organic Chemistry Lab Organized and taught<br/>fundamental organic laboratory techniques

Fall 2015 –Organic Chemistry Tutor - Directed volunteer organic chemistry study sessionsSpring 2017weekly

## <u>Volunteer</u>

- Spring 2018 UNT Chemistry Graduate School Visitation Weekend Hosting panel
- June 2017 International Volunteer HQ Native Forest and Freshwater Conservation Programme, Sustainable Coastlines. Auckland, New Zealand.
- Fall 2015 UNT First Flight Leader Tour group leader to incoming freshman

## **Affiliations**

Fall 2016 – American Chemical Society Member

present