



## Message from the CEO

Through both scholarship and action, The Triple Helix intends to make 2008 a year to pioneer new projects and opportunities for our members and the community at large. In February, we successfully held the first-ever TTH event designed to bring students from different chapters together in one place to share their scholarly work. In conjunction with the American Association for the Advancement of Science, TTH authors presented eighteen unique pieces of research in an exclusive Science in Society poster session at this year's AAAS Annual Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts. At the Member Workshop and Leadership Summit, I heard many interesting and valuable suggestions about where you want TTH to go in the next few years, a dialogue that must continue.

We hope to repeat such events in the future, building on a tradition of TTH interacting with the larger academic community. Simultaneously, I encourage our chapters to reach out to each other, building regional partnerships that bring our students together in large numbers on a regular basis.

As always, The Triple Helix is eager to involve you, our community, in our new and ongoing projects. Especially as we continue to develop our international science policy division, please do not hesitate to contact us with ideas of what you would like to see us do. The beauty of our organization lies in the flexibility to be truly innovative in our programming, designing new initiatives that continue to bring cutting-edge topics and fresh perspectives to inquisitive minds everywhere. Our success will be measured by our ability to inspire a new generation of thinkers and actors who will maintain the importance of science-in-society analysis in the future—the work starts now!

Sincerely,  
 Manisha Bhattacharya  
 Chief Executive Officer, The Triple Helix

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### The Business Case: Real-World Lessons From TTH

At its inception, The Triple Helix was not meant to be only an organization for students interested in interdisciplinary analysis of science, society, and law. Our founder's vision placed great emphasis on providing an authentic business experience to students who were interested in pushing themselves to new levels of ambition, professionalism, creativity, and accountability. Although TTH is made up of undergraduate students, everyone from the Executive Management Team to our writers at every chapter feel the difference the moment that they walk into their first TTH meeting. Our staff aspires to produce a professional-quality academic journal, engage in top-notch academic discourse, and run our global operations with the efficiency of an international business.

For many TTHers, this is their first exposure to the business world—they quickly learn effective communication skills, the art of negotiation, the complexities of coordinating cross-regional operations, and a great deal about the way human nature is fundamentally intertwined with the successes and failures of team efforts. There is no doubt that these skills will be invaluable long after university, and we are proud to hear from our alumni that after TTH, the "real world" is significantly less daunting. Perhaps the most profound of these many lessons can be summarized by the observation that despite differences in academic training, cultural backgrounds, and opinions about how best to get the job done, TTHers from around the world are consistently able to find common ground in their belief that our work is not only fascinating, but unprecedented among undergraduates: this shared vision sees us through daily challenges and propels us to new heights of success as "a global forum for science in society".

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