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Chaevia is a molecular biologist trained at Princeton University where she studied chromatin boundary/insulator function using *Drosophila melanogaster*. While earning her doctoral degree, she was heavily involved in many initiatives to improve the diversity of underrepresented groups in STEM and better the professional development programs for all graduate students at the university. Among many activities, she co-founded the Women in STEM Leadership Council which drafted a report providing recommendations to the university on ways to improve conditions for women in STEM departments. As a result, many new training modules were put in place and existing ones were updated to reflect the concerns of the graduate student community.

Due to her passion for diversity and skill in building partnerships in and around the university to aid the graduate student population, she was hired as a Diversity Initiatives Specialist to continue improving the student experience through personal and professional development.

At NSF's Office of Information and Resource Management, Chaevia is working to recruit and retain a more diverse Program Officer cadre.