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Starting a Career in Conservation? SWCS is for You!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS & EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS

“The diversity of content and community is encouraging as a young professional, and there are a lot of opportunities to network and learn from experts.”

— SWCS Member

Check out the [SWCS Guide for Students and Early Career Professionals in Conservation](#). It includes:

- Important tools and resources available to you as you transition into grad school or a job
- Best practices for making and maintaining professional connections
- Conservation funding opportunities for early career professionals
- Early career advice from SWCS members
- Conservation career tracks
- Tools for continuing your education and building your skill set

Networking. When you attend events or volunteer with SWCS, you have the chance to **meet and work with a team of experienced professionals** in a range of conservation career paths. Put yourself and your skills in front of those in management positions!

Professional Development. Attend trainings in technical information and conservation practice implementation. Plus, develop skills through **local chapter leadership** that are applicable to any professional career!

- **Leadership skills:** Organize a student chapter, delegate tasks, and work with a team.
- **Operations management:** Set goals, create and balance budgets, and participate in board meetings.
- **Event management:** Create a concept or topic of interest, organize speakers and sponsors, manage attendees, advertise, and practice public speaking.
- **Communications and design:** Manage websites, create social media content, publish newsletters, and send email blasts.

Access to Resources. SWCS offers members the following benefits:

- A subscription to the ***Journal of Soil and Water Conservation***: A multidisciplinary journal through which you can stay informed about the latest conservation research, tools, practices, and policy with articles that address natural resource challenges and innovations worldwide.
- **Scholarship and award** opportunities
- **Career center** and resources for resume building
- **Internship and leadership** opportunities
- ... And more!

Invest in yourself and your career! Join online at [swcs.org/join](https://www.swcs.org/join)