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

**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!

Check out the [SWCS Guide for Students and Early Career Professionals in Conservation](https://swcs.org/guide).

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

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