

## Rocky Mountain and Cordilleran Section Meeting Mentoring **Mentors Needed**

Mentors are integral to a student's professional and personal growth. The Geological Society of America (GSA) is piloting a meeting mentoring program at the Joint Rocky Mountain Cordilleran Section Meeting in Flagstaff, Arizona, 15-17 May 2018. GSA is seeking professionals to serve as meeting mentors and students who wish to be paired with a mentor for the duration of the meeting.

### **Meeting Mentor Role**

Meeting mentors will be early career and professionals who will share your professional and personal experiences in the geosciences, including career and/or academic advice, and introduce your mentee to others while at the meeting. You may share advice on choosing sessions or about your personal experience in your field of expertise, how you got your first job, and what skills employers are looking for. See [Frequently Asked Questions to Mentors](#) for a list of students' commonly asked questions.

A meeting mentor should support their mentee during the meeting, have a positive view of working in the geosciences, and be open to non-traditional views that some students may have. Mentors must abide by GSA's [Events Code of Conduct](#) and GSA's [Code of Conduct](#).

### **How It Works for Mentors**

- Step 1: [Create your online profile](#). You must be registered for the meeting in order to access the site.
- Step 2: You may receive mentor requests from students. Use the online functions to accept or decline the mentorship. [Please only accept one request](#).
- Step 3: Your accepted student mentee should reach out to you to set up a time to meet at the section meeting. At the opening reception there will be a mentor/mentee meet up area that can be used as a meeting spot.

### **Student Mentee Role**

Mentees will be undergraduate or graduate students who will show initiative in asking their mentor questions, have a willingness to listen and learn, and be responsible and responsive in setting up and keeping scheduled meeting times. Mentees must abide by GSA's [Events Code of Conduct](#) and GSA's [Code of Conduct](#).

### **How It Works for Mentees/Students**

- Step 1: [Create your online profile](#). You must be registered for the meeting in order to access the site.

Step 2: To search mentors, log-in to the online platform. You can begin sorting and searching for mentors based on your interests. Use the request function to request a mentor. Mentors have the option to accept or decline your request. Please only request one mentor at a time.

Step 3: Once your mentor request has been accepted, it will be your responsibility to contact your mentor before the meeting. You can send an email introducing yourself, area of interest, and request a time to meet during the meeting. At the opening reception there will be a mentor/mentee meet up area that can be used as a meeting spot.

### Contact

If you have questions or run into issues, contact Tahlia Bear, Diversity and Career Officer, [tbear@geosociety.org](mailto:tbear@geosociety.org).