



JOIN A SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Top 5 reasons to join a scientific society

1. **Career opportunities:** Explore research internships at plantae.org/internships
2. **Professional development:** Engage in training workshops and webinars
3. **Funding:** Receive travel awards to attend meetings to present your research
4. **Experience:** Present your research to people in your field
5. **News:** Stay current on the latest publications, policy issues, and announcements

Talk to your mentor

Ask your faculty advisor, research mentor, or other scientists which organizations they belong to and discuss the benefits of those societies.

Make the most of your conference experience

Examine your personal and professional goals, and make a plan. Example conference goals:

- Hear about the latest new discoveries
- Practice your presentation skills
- Get feedback on your research
- Grow your network and connect with mentors
- Find a graduate program or a new job

Apply for conference funding

Many societies offer travel support for you to present your research at their annual meeting, programs include:

- **PLANTS:** Preparing Leaders and Nurturing Tomorrow's Scientists (Botanical Society of America)
- **RTA:** Recognition Travel Award (American Society of Plant Biologists)
- **SEEDS:** Strategies for Ecology Education, Diversity and Sustainability (Ecological Society of America)
- **SURF:** Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (American Society of Plant Biologists)

Find additional travel awards under Conference Funding at plantae.org/internships.

Become a member

Many societies offer free or reduced student membership fees; learn more and find a community of plant scientists at plantae.org/PSRN.



**Plant Science
Research Network**

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