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`.