Diverse People for a Diverse Science

SEEDS promotes diversity and advancement of the ecology profession through opportunities that stimulate and nurture the interest of underrepresented students to participate and lead in ecology.

The program’s mission is accomplished through:

- Ecology Field Trips
- Research Fellowships
- ESA Annual Meeting Travel Awards
- Mentoring by ESA members
- Campus Ecology Chapters
- Leadership Meetings
- Active Support Network of 5,000 minority students and ecologists
- Dedicated SEEDS Staff

HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN THE SEEDS PROGRAM:

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AWARDS
- 2006 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring
- 2008 AIBS Diversity Leadership Award

Strategies for Ecology Education, Diversity and Sustainability
Program Opportunities

The Henry L. Gholz Ecology Field Trips

Field trips provide hands-on opportunities for students to explore their interest in ecology. Each one is held at an ecologically significant site such as a research or field station, allowing participants to learn more about the science of ecology, the practical applications of ecology, and career options while building networks with students and professionals.

SPUR Fellowships

Fellowships offer students an independent ecological research opportunity with the guidance of a mentor. The SEEDS Fellowship is a partnership with participating researchers and field stations. Students are expected to design and conduct an independent research project over the summer. Selected students also participate in SEEDS Leadership meetings and receive an ESA Annual Meeting Travel Award to present their research.

SEEDS Campus Ecology Chapters

Campus Ecology Chapters support activities on campuses throughout the US and its territories to increase student awareness and interest in ecology. Chapters promote ecology through education, outreach, recruitment, and career development. SEEDS Chapters also work with the ESA President and Executive Director to enhance student success and foster leadership in ecology research, education, outreach, and professional development.

ESA Annual Meeting

Travel Awards

Annually held, the Leadership Meeting provides a venue for students to develop an understanding of the relevance of science and society. Meetings focus on science policy, communication, leadership, and education outreach. Participants include SEEDS Research Fellows and representatives from invited SEEDS Chapters nominated by their chapter advisers. Students also work with the ESA President and Executive Director to enhance student success and foster leadership in ecology research, education, outreach, and professional development.

SEEDS really exposed me to the multidimensional nature of a science career path. Before I attended a SEEDS event, I was a little hesitant on a career in ecology. After I attended a SEEDS event, I felt a new motivation to pursue a career in ecology.

Program opportunities are open to any undergraduate student enrolled within the US and its territories.