

SEEDS Today



September 15, 2011

2011 Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting *Austin, Texas*

The SEEDS Program during the ESA Annual Meeting reached new heights of student participation this year. SEEDS students and alumni led two field trips (an Urban Bioblitz and a "Toxic Tour"); a symposium on Revolutionary Ecology Part II; an organized oral session on Action Ecology for All; two workshops (Diversity and Inclusiveness, and an Active Ecologists Guidebook); participated as panelists during the Diversity in Luncheon; and served as the Master of Ceremonies for the Diversity Mixer.

SEEDS supported a total of 33 students to attend the ESA meeting this year – 27 undergraduates and 6 alumni. Of these students, 27 students presented their research. In addition to the students supported by SEEDS, many alumni participated in the ESA meeting with their own funding, four of whom served as mentors to undergraduate students. The momentum of SEEDS in Austin was tremendous, and planning is already underway for SEEDS student led activities in Portland 2012. To read more about the SEEDS events at the 2011 annual meeting, click [here](#).

SEEDS Undergraduate Research Fellowships

ESA has received a supplemental award from the National Science Foundation to support four SEEDS Undergraduate Research Fellows for the 2012-2013 year. The fellowship supports undergraduate students to conduct ecology research with the help of an ESA member mentor. The possibilities with the SEEDS fellowship are unparalleled in the uniqueness of the mentor matching process. Fellowship students essentially conduct a mini thesis from writing a proposal, to conducting their research and analyzing results, to presenting at the ESA meeting. SEEDS fellows are encouraged as future leaders of ESA. Recipients of the SEEDS Undergraduate Research Fellowship Award receive:

- The fellowship stipend of \$6,000 [including an additional \$3,000 for all research, travel, and housing expenses]
- Travel expenses to the 2012 & 2013 SEEDS Leadership Meetings
- Travel expenses to the 2013 ESA Annual Meeting in Minneapolis MN

Students with graduation dates no earlier than Spring 2013 are eligible to apply. Fellowship research period is from March 2012 – August 2013. The application deadline is **November 1, 2011**. To apply, please visit us [here](#), or contact Melissa@esa.org.

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SEEDS Chapter of the Year Winners

Congratulations to the 2011 SEEDS Chapter of the Year, the University of Puerto Rico, Bayamón's LIFE Chapter. To read their story click [here](#). SEEDS Chapters also honored during the Diversity Mixer at the 96th ESA Annual Meeting included: College of Menominee Nation (Runner-Up) and Florida Atlantic University (Honorable Mention). These and other outstanding Chapters will be highlighted on SEEDSNet in a monthly Chapter spotlight series during the 2011 – 2011 academic year. In addition, mark your calendars for a SEEDSNet Webinar on **Tuesday November 8th at 2:00 PM EST** entitled **"Helpful tips for starting and maintaining your SEEDS Chapters"**. Participate in this LIVE event as some of our leading chapters explain how they got the big grant, made a huge impact in their community, or put together that eco-activity that brought together people of all ages and backgrounds. This is your Chapter's opportunity to ask questions, get tips on recruitment and activities, and learn how to take your Chapter to the next level. To register send an email to Melissa Armstrong at Melissa@esa.org.

SEEDS What's New Survey – Another Opportunity

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Jessica Trevino of the University of North Texas (Spring 2011 field trip to Puerto Rico, UNT Chapter member) was the winner of the \$50 REI gift card raffle prize for filling out the What's New Survey. Jessica's remark upon learning about being the raffle winner was "Thank you SEEDS for helping me feel a little more like a real Ecologist!"

The good news is that SEEDS has re-opened up the [2011 What's New Survey](#) and is offering another \$50 REI gift card. If you did not participate in the Spring, you have until November 1st to complete the survey and be eligible for the raffle award.

SEEDS Network of Alumni and Professionals (SNAP) Leadership Opportunities

New leadership opportunities for SEEDS alumni are available through SNAP. Started in 2007 by SEEDS alumni Raynelle Rino and Amber Finley, the purpose of SNAP is to mobilize SEEDS alumni and professional supports to (1) continue promoting the SEEDS mission, and (2) formalizing a network where alumni could continue to be supported by one another. Through this network, opportunities for educational, professional, and personal growth are organized in the form of workshops, forums, and seminars/webinars. The potential for growth within SNAP is great. If you are interested in serving as the Chair or Vice Chair of SNAP, and building on the strengths of alumni before you, please contact Melissa@esa.org.

Chapter Grant Opportunities with SEEDS

SEEDS is now accepting applications for two wonderful grant opportunities for SEEDS Chapters!

[SEEDS Special Project Grant:](#)

Amount: Up to \$1,000 per chapter, four grants available. Joint Chapter applications can apply for up to \$2,000.

Deadline: September 19, 2011

Eligibility: Chapters must be in good standing with a current Chapter report on file. Submit your report TODAY. Click [here](#) for details!

[Maintenance Grant:](#)

Amount: Up to \$300 per chapter [ten grants available]

Deadline: Applications accepted September 1st, 2011 – March 1st, 2012

Eligibility: Chapters must be in good standing with a current Chapter report on file. Submit your report TODAY. Click [here](#) for details!

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Charlee's Farewell to ESA

Greetings friends! It is with great excitement and equal amounts of sorrow that I announce that I will be moving on from the Ecological Society of America to further my interests and career in Ecology and Education. I will be joining the team at the Georgia Department of Natural Resources at the Charlie Elliott Wild Life Center. The two years and four months that I have worked at ESA for the SEEDS Program has just flown by. Yet in this short time I have learned so much, made lasting connections, developed incredible friendships and had the once in a lifetime chance to work for an organization that I love and support to my core! And although I leave to pursue new opportunities, I will be around, available and excited to continue to serve the SEEDS program and ESA any way that I can! It has been an honor and a privilege serving and I hope our paths cross again in the future.

Wishing you all the very best,
Ms. Charlee Glenn
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Opportunities for Students:

ESA Emerging Issues Conference: Call For Poster Abstracts

“Developing Ecologically-Based Conservation Targets Under Global Change”

OPEN TO: Students & Post-Docs (SEEDS Student strongly encouraged to submit!)

WHEN: February 27 - March 1, 2012

WHERE: National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, West Virginia

AWARD: 20 awards, each up to \$1,000 for travel expenses

Application deadline: Thursday, September 29, 2011

For more information visit: <http://esa.org/emergingissues>

AAAS Invites Nominations for the AAAS Early Career Award for Public Engagement with Science

Nominations are invited now through **October 15th**.

For more information, click [here!](#)

Find award eligibility and nomination procedures [here](#).

Society of Wetland Scientists -

Diversity Program Undergraduate Mentoring Awards

Apply for an award to travel to the 2012 Meeting of the Society of Wetland Scientists at the INTECOL Wetlands Conference in Orlando, Florida (July 2-9, 2012). See links below for details.

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