Guidelines for Mentors

1. Attend the Networking for Students and Early Career Professionals event on Sunday, August 5, 2018 at 6:30 pm after the Opening Plenary at the La Nouvelle Orleans Ballroom, Ernest N. Morial Convention Center and the ESA Graduate Student, Post Docs, and Mentor/Mentee Breakfast from 7-8am on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at the Downtown Marriott, for discussion with students. Mentors are expected to attend this discussion and purchase a $10 ticket (to cover the provided breakfast).

2. Suggest that students with an interest in a particular section attend said section’s business meeting and introduce themselves to the section leaders.

3. Encourage students of all levels to participate in discussions. Those with the aim of “job seeking” that are consuming the majority of the mentor’s time will be asked to refrain from this line of questioning, although general questioning about career paths will be allowed.

4. Encourage students to visit the Student Lounge to take advantage of the space available, as well as learn about different events and announcements posted on the bulletin board.

5. Make yourself available to students that want to ask questions related to your section, career/education paths, or just general discussions, throughout the Annual Meeting.

6. Convey a positive and honest view of ecology as a science and a career and the importance of the field of ecology in the future.

7. Explain the relevance of your particular section to ecology and to the Ecological Society of America, including all relevant projects, events, etc. specific to the section and how a student can contribute to these.

8. Respect the views and opinions of students although they may be different than your own.

9. Do your best to appropriately address all student questions relating to your personal experiences within the section and the ecological field.