



The Student Mentor Program is designed to help students attending the conference learn the ropes, meet some new people, and feel comfortable within our world of reclamation. To accomplish this, we pair Students with “Mentors” from the environmental community who are also attending the conference. The role would not take much effort on the Mentors part, but would make a big difference in how Students experience the conference and would contribute to the professional development of individuals who will soon be entering the field.

The scope of the program would involve:

- Meeting up with your student before the Welcome Reception (at a time and place arranged between you. For example, at your company’s booth or the entrance to Exhibition Hall, hotel reception, etc.)
- Provide details on the conference framework, how it works (such as plenary vs. breakout sessions), locations of food and beverages, etc. Other topics to provide mentorship and discuss: how to approach new people, appropriate ways for students to look for work opportunities, suggestions for student behaviour at conference events.
- Give them a quick tour of the conference areas (i.e. where is exhibition hall, where are the breakout rooms)
- Attend the Welcome Reception together and introduce them to some of your friends and colleagues in the industry. It’s not expected that you spend the entire night together; however, at least 30 minutes should be committed to the student. Aim for introductions to at least 10 people.
- Check in with them periodically during the rest of the conference (at least 2 times) and answer questions, should they have any.
- We’d recommend saving a seat for them at your table for the Industry Banquet (it’s not mandatory however, and is up to the Student/Mentor).

(note, if you can’t attend the Welcome Receptions, you may still be involved in the program. Alternate arrangements will be made)

*Deadline to register for the Student Mentor Program is January 30, 2019.

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