



SEEDS – Strategies for Ecology Education, Diversity & Sustainability

Diverse People for a Diverse Science

SEEDS is the flagship, award-winning diversity program of the Ecological Society of America (ESA). Founded in 1996, SEEDS works to diversify and advance the ecology profession by supporting students from historically underrepresented backgrounds through hands-on experiences, mentoring, and leadership development.

What does SEEDS offer undergraduates?

- Paid field trips and immersive ecological research experiences
- SEEDS Campus Chapters at universities across the U.S.
- Leadership Meetings focused on real-world ecological issues
- Mentoring, professional development, and career pathways in ecology
- Opportunities to connect with ecologists, peers, and professional societies

Who can participate?

SEEDS primarily supports undergraduate students who are interested in ecology, environmental science, and sustainability—especially students from groups historically underrepresented in the ecological sciences.

Why SEEDS?

SEEDS helps students build confidence, community, and career skills while showing how ecology connects to real-world environmental challenges and solutions.

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Get involved!

- Join or start a SEEDS Chapter at your institution
- Participate in SEEDS Community Calls
- Apply for SEEDS opportunities and fellowships
- Learn more: <https://esa.org/seeds>

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