



Society of Wetland Scientists

CALL FOR MENTORS FOR THE SWS NSF UNDERGRADUATE MENTORING PROGRAM AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN WASHINGTON, DC (MAY 26-30, 2008)

This National Science Foundation (NSF) and Society of Wetland Scientists (SWS) sponsored program provides travel awards to our annual meeting and mentoring at that meeting for undergraduate students from underrepresented groups. The award recipients will have their travel expenses fully funded and receive guidance from mentors who will accompany the students to meeting events and activities. The mentors will attend major meeting activities with the student and attend pre and post meeting orientation and evaluation sessions. Mentors will also meet with the students daily to discuss the activities of the day. This is a call for mentor volunteers. We specifically are seeking mentors with a minimum of two years of graduate experience who have attended at least two prior SWS annual meetings. Mentors will be expected to be at the annual meeting for its duration, beginning with the pre-meeting orientation session for student awardees. If awardees express an interest in a specific subdiscipline of wetland science (e.g., restoration, mitigation banks, animal ecology, hydrology, biogeochemistry), an effort will be made to match student awardees with mentors with similar interests. If you would like to be a mentor for this very important program, please contact Frank Day, Undergraduate Mentoring Program Coordinator (fday@odu.edu).