PAG Mentor Program

Designed for novice conference attendees, students, and early career scientists, mentees will be matched with an experienced scientist to help them navigate the conference, network, and provide awareness of job opportunities.

Matching will be primarily based on the area of research and the geographic location/time zone of participants. PAG will solicit applications and match participants, provide guidance and recognition onsite at the conference, and provide a time/place for a meetup session.

Recognition and Onsite Events

Participants in the program will be recognized in the Plenary slideshow slides and at the Final Banquet. Additional recognition will be provided to identify program participants on-site. A few tables will be set aside near the front of the room at the Final Banquet for those in the program who wish to sit together.

There will be meetup session onsite at the conference for Mentors and Mentees to meet and network with others in the program, and a directory will be provided for those who wish to contact other program participants.

Information for Mentors

Eligibility:

- You must be registered to attend PAG 31
- You must have attended at least 3 PAG meetings since 2016
- You must be attending PAG through Tuesday of the meeting

As Mentors, you will be encouraged to:

- Be available to connect with your Mentee at least one week before the meeting (via phone or zoom) to become familiar with the individual, learn about their goals, convey some helpful hints, etc.
- Meet your Mentee at the conference meetup session, to answer any questions and/or discuss experiences
- Introduce your Mentee to your colleagues at the conference

Information for Mentees

Eligibility:

- You must be registered to attend PAG 31
- This should be your first time attending a PAG meeting

As Mentors, you will be encouraged to:

- Contact your Mentor at least one week before the meeting to discuss your goals for the meeting, ask logistical questions, etc.
- Meet your Mentor at the conference meetup session, to discuss any questions and/or conference experiences
- Respect the time your Mentor has dedicated for you

Note: Every effort will be made to match mentees with an appropriate mentor. However, due to the availability of participants, we are unable to guarantee this.