MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Opportunities exist for students to become members of professional societies. The advantages of this association are many. Once a graduate student accepts a research assistantship, that person is, in fact, a professional scientist because an assistantship is not a scholarship - one is paid for the performance of an investigation. Thus, one has the opportunity to associate with a professional organization. As a benefit of membership, each organization provides one or more journals and has a placement service for help in employment upon graduation. During one’s graduate career, a student is encouraged to present papers or posters at the annual meetings and often only members are accorded this privilege. Similarly one must be a member to publish in the society journal, although only one of these authors on the paper needs to be a member. This policy varies with the society. Usually these are written using the format of a given professional journal in which the student is most likely to publish his/her results.

Several societies are appropriate to join. All have student membership fees that are much lower than full member fees. A few are listed below:

- American Association for the Advancement of Science
- American Geophysical Union
- American Meteorological Society
- American Society for Horticultural Sciences
- American Society for Microbiologists
- American Water Resources Association
- Clay Minerals Society
- Geochemical Society
- Geological Society of America
- International Soil Science Society (membership is available when joining the Soil Science Society of America)
- National Water Resources Association
- Soil Science Society of America (and its sister societies, American Society of Agronomy and Crop Science Society of America)

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http://www.bookstores.umn.edu/

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St Paul Career Center (612) 624-2710
http://www.careerhelp.umn.edu/

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Twin Cities Computer Labs: http://it.umn.edu/computer-labs-learning-spaces-testing
Twin Cities Wireless: http://it.umn.edu/wifi-network-0

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Twin Cities (612) 301-4357 (301-HELP)
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http://www.printing.umn.edu/centers/index.htm

Council of Graduate Students (COGS)
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http://www.cogs.umn.edu/

Counseling and Mental Health Services
Twin Cities - http://www.mentalhealth.umn.edu/
University Counseling and Consulting Services (612)624-3323
109 Eddy Hall (East Bank) & 199 Coffey Hall (St Paul Campus)
http://www.uccs.umn.edu/index.html
Boynton Mental Health Clinic (612) 624-1444
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