



NETWORKING FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHERS

1 WHY SHOULD YOU NETWORK?

Learn about different perspectives, resources, and opportunities

Increase and diversify your academic and professional support systems

Build rapport with professionals and fellow students in your field

Demonstrate skills & potential; learn about skills & potential in others

Creating and maintaining strong professional relationships is always *mutually beneficial*.

Stand out from the crowd by connecting who you are to your resume

Open yourself up to potential collaboration

At conferences and symposia...

2 PEER CONNECTIONS

- Engage with peer presentations
- Reach out to co-presenters, co-panelists, and moderators!
- Build social network at mixers and social events



Listen with intention. Be a memorable conversationalist (in a good way!)

TIPS for positive-peer connections...

- Don't be afraid to reach out first!
 - Take initiative: make lunch or dinner plans
- Be direct about your goals for an interaction
 - Set expectations for your conversation - make it clear what you are hoping to discuss

3 FACULTY CONNECTIONS

- Reach out to faculty or other presenters doing research in your area(s) of interest
 - Pay attention to details – typos/misnaming things can impact how you are perceived
- Take notes and formulate questions during sessions or panels you attend
- Exchange contact info



Ask lots of questions and listen as much as possible. ALWAYS FOLLOW UP!

TIPS for effective faculty connections...

- Keep it concise
- Know something about their research/work and include that information in your communications
- Be as specific as possible – about your interests, your goals, and how you might connect with their work

4 ONLINE NETWORKING



Email your connections as a form of follow-up and get added to their listservs so you can stay up-to-date on their research



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"Find the right job or internship, connect and strengthen professional relationships, and learn the skills you need to succeed in your career." - LinkedIn