

AAIDD Interest Network Annual Plan & Yearly Report

Planning and reporting on Interest Network activities designed to fulfil their purpose.
(See the AAIDD *Interest Networks Leadership Manual* for the purpose of the Interest Networks.)

Interest Network: Student and Early Career Professionals

Lead Contact Person(s): Julie Kramme and Richard Chapman

Next Scheduled Election & Leadership Position(s) that will be Open for Nomination:

Spring 2026: Co-chair, secretary

2024-2025 Report

For the year that **just ended** (July 1-June 30), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used. In addition, please note if/how any activities enhanced diversity, equity, inclusion, or justice.

- Continue monthly planning and networking meetings. **Goal achieved**
- Continue social media presence via Facebook, Twitter, etc. **Goal achieved**
- Continue to send personal outreach and welcome e-mail to new SECP members when notified by AAIDD of new members to the SECP interest network. **Goal in progress**
- Create opportunities for SECP members to learn about interest networks by directing the members to annual plans on the AAIDD's website or asking interest network chairs/liaisons to write a short notice in their activities and posting them on SECP social media. **Goal in progress**
- Continue to expand interest network liaison roles and responsibilities to share information and facilitate opportunities for interest network membership in addition to SECP status. **Goal in progress**
- Invite leadership from other interest networks to attend SECP monthly meetings and share information and activities from their interest network. **Goal in progress**
- Continue the manuscript review /writing group which provides writing feedback for SECP members. **Goal achieved**
- Provide an abstract writing workshop and peer review session prior to the AAIDD Annual Meeting call for papers deadline. We will design this event to encourage and prepare upcoming researchers to submit proposals for the annual meeting. **Goal achieved**
- Continue partnering with Research Interest Network to host Research Colloquium as preconference session at AAIDD's annual meeting. **Goal achieved**
- Host a webinar through AAIDD that highlights the work of SECP members. We will encourage proposals from SECP members who are participating in inclusive or equity centered research. **Goal in progress**
- continue to coordinate SECP scholarships and luncheon at the annual meeting. **Goal achieved**

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2025-2026 Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies

For the **coming year** (July 1-June 30), describe the planned objectives, activities, and proposed expenditure of funds. In addition, please note if/how any activities will address diversity, equity, inclusion, or justice.

- Continue monthly planning and networking meetings. Alternate timing of meetings to try to provide additional opportunities for attendance and networking.
- Continue social media presence via Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- Send personal outreach and welcome e-mail to new SECP members when notified by AAIDD of new members to the SECP interest network.
- Create opportunities for SECP members to learn about interest networks by directing the members to annual plans on the AAIDD's website or asking interest network chairs/liaisons to write a short notice in their activities and posting them on SECP social media. Add this link to ongoing meeting agendas.
- Continue to expand interest network liaison roles and responsibilities to share information and facilitate opportunities for interest network membership in addition to SECP status.
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