

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, Sara Cornett, Sehrish Shikarpurya
Next Scheduled Election & Leadership Position(s) that will be Open for Nomination:	Spring 2027: Co-chair, secretary
2025-2026 Report: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies • Continue monthly planning and networking meetings. Scheduled meetings at alternate times to try to provide additional opportunities for attendance and networking. Goal achieved • Continue social media presence via Facebook, Twitter, etc. Added Instagram and posted several videos at conference. Goal achieved • Send personal outreach and welcome e-mail to new SECP members when notified by AAIDD of new members to the SECP interest network. Goal achieved • 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. Goal achieved • 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 achieved • Invite leadership from other interest networks to attend SECP monthly meetings and share information and activities from their interest network. 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 achieved • 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 to encourage and prepare SECP members to submit proposals for the annual meeting. Goal in progress • 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 luncheon at the annual meeting. Goal achieved	

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2026-2027 Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies

For the **coming year** (July 1-June 30), describe the planned objectives, activities, and proposed expenditure of funds.

- Continue monthly planning and networking meetings (September through November, February through May). We are considering alternating times of meetings to try to provide additional opportunities for attendance and networking. Leadership team will also meet ahead of monthly meetings to prepare agenda and facilitate communication.
- Continue social media presence via [Facebook](#), [X](#), [Instagram](#) & [YouTube](#).
- 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 AAIDD's website or asking interest network chairs/liaisons to write a short notice in their activities and posting them on SECP social media.
- Invite leadership from other interest networks to attend SECP monthly meetings and share information and activities from their interest network. Continue to expand interest network liaison roles and responsibilities to share information and facilitate opportunities for interest network membership in addition to SECP status.
- Continue the twice monthly manuscript review /writing group which provides writing feedback, support for SECP members.
- Provide an abstract writing workshop prior to the AAIDD Annual Meeting call for papers deadline to encourage and prepare SECP members to submit proposals for the annual meeting.
- Formalize the role of writing group co-chairs as a leadership team role.
- Continue partnering with Research Interest Network to host Research Colloquium as preconference session at AAIDD's annual meeting.
- Continue to coordinate SECP scholarships luncheon at the annual meeting.
- Host a webinar based on member interests (e.g., peer review, ethics of AI, using AI in research).
- Poll members in August 2026 about interests and availability for upcoming year activities.