

INFORMATION ABOUT THE GUIDE PROGRAM

The Guide Program is run by the Student and Early Career Professional Special Interest Group of AAIDD.

Guide responsibilities include:

- Welcoming the Student/Early Career Professional and maintaining contact for the duration of 2 years (4-6 hours/yr).
- Providing specific information about AAIDD activities and opportunities.
- Encouraging participation in AAIDD conference presentations, chapter or regional activities, or volunteer efforts.
- Expressing interest in the Student/Early Career Professional's work within the field.
- Introduce the Student/Early Career Professional to other AAIDD members and professionals.

Student/Early Career Professional Member responsibilities include:

- Expressing areas of interest to your Guide.
- Maintaining communication with your Guide regarding opportunities within the AAIDD.
- Guides are not expected to take the place of an academic advisor or mentor. The intention of the AAIDD Guide Program is to provide support, encouragement, and opportunities to the Students/Early Career Professional Members specific to the AAIDD organization or field in general.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE GUIDE PROGRAM

The AAIDD Student and Early Career Professionals Committee thanks you for your interest in the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) Guide Program! The Guide Program matches experienced AAIDD fellows with students and junior members who have been a member of the AAIDD for 3 years or less based on member interests and locality.

If you are interested in learning more about other AAIDD opportunities and resources for students and early career professionals, please go to the following website: www.aaid.org.

Thank you in advance for your time and interest in the AAIDD Guide Program. If you have any comments or questions concerning the AAIDD Guide Program, please feel free to contact Emily Wallace at emilyalicewallace@gmail.com or Sarah Hall at sahall@ashland.edu.

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Guide Program



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QUOTES FROM PARTICIPANTS

Quotes from Present and Past participants in the Guide Program:

“I’ve appreciated being in the Guide Program. It has helped me to feel more connected to AAIDD as an organization and helped me to begin networking with other leaders in our field. My guide has been very helpful.” (Student Member)

“I enjoyed talking with my student. It seemed like our conversations were helpful for her to get some ideas, resources, contacts, etc.” (Guide)

AIMS OF THE AAIDD GUIDE PROGRAM

Aim 1: To allow AAIDD students and early career professionals to network and develop relationships with established individuals in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Aim 2: To support AAIDD’s new students and early career professionals in their academic and/or professional work within the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Aim 3: To promote professional collaboration and encouragement within AAIDD’s network of professionals working in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities.

STEPS TO PARTICIPATE

There are three steps to participate in the Guide Program:

1. Sign up to become a participant in the Guide Program and select one or more areas of interest in which we can match you to a Guide.
2. You are matched with a Guide based on your interests or locality.
3. Guides will provide students support in the organization or field of developmental and intellectual disabilities, and by promoting involvement in AAIDD activities.

GUIDE PROGRAM

The Guide Program matches experienced AAIDD fellows with students and new members based on interests or locality. AAIDD Guides commit to providing students and new members with information about opportunities to become involved in AAIDD for a duration of two years. This allows students and new professionals to network and develop relationships with established individuals in the field of I/DD.

Guides encourage new members to continue their academic and/or professional work in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities.

CONTACT FORM

If interested in participating or wish to receive more information, please provide the following information in an e-mail to Emily Wallace at emilyaliceawallace@gmail.com or Sarah Hall at sahall@ashland.edu.

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Please select your area(s) of interest by which we may match you with an AAIDD Guide:

Inclusion

Education

Health

Mental Health

Policy

Psychology

Religion

Transition

Social Work

Self-Determination

International

Gerontology

Creative Arts

Technology

Thank you in advance for your time and interest in the program!