

Career Central at the 2026 Annual Meeting

Get practical career guidance and connect with ecologists in a wide range of professional fields by taking part in these workshops and panels held in the Exhibit Hall.

Monday, July 27

Presentation Room 1	Presentation Room 2	Networking Area
10:30 AM Getting into Graduate School and Finding the Right Program	10:30 AM Essential Skills for Consulting	12:00-2:00 PM CV Reviews*
	12:00-3:00 PM Career Search 101: Step-by- Step Guidance on How to Master Your Environmental Job Search	2:00-4:00 PM Resume Reviews*
4:00 PM Reimagining Your CV: How to Jump-start Your Career in Industry	4:00 PM The Resilience Wall: Stories Behind the Science	*First come, first served. Sign up at the Career Central info desk!

Tuesday, July 28

Presentation Room 1	Presentation Room 2	Networking Area
10:30 AM A day in the life of a NEON scientist: Responsibilities and career paths critical to the National Ecological Observatory Network 12:00 PM Careers in Science Communication 1:30 PM Careers in Environmental Consulting: A Q&A with Environmental Consultants 2:45 PM Careers in Natural Resources Management 4:00 PM Careers in Urban Ecology	10:30 AM Preparing a Skillset for a Career Outside of Academia 12:00 PM Careers in Federal, State and Local Governments 1:30 PM An Introduction to Science Policy through Awards and Fellowships 2:45 PM Careers in Ecological Restoration 4:00 PM Careers in Ecological Adaptation	12:00-3:00 PM Resume Reviews* 3:00-5:00 PM Mock Job Interviews* *First come, first served. Sign up at the Career Central info desk!

Wednesday, July 29

Presentation Room 1	Presentation Room 2	Networking Area
10:30 AM Leveraging Four-dimensional ecology education (4DEE) framework for your academic career 12:00 PM Diverse Career Paths in Higher Education 1:30 PM Careers on the Tenure Track 2:45 PM Navigating the Hidden Curriculum 4:00 PM Ecology Careers Beyond R1s: Opportunities in the Community College Sector	10:30 AM Navigating Dryland Research Careers: An Interactive Mentorship Workshop 12:00 PM Careers in Labs, Field Stations & Observatories 1:30 PM Career Pathways in Climate, Conservation & Sustainability 2:45 PM Careers in Private Sector Research 4:00 PM Exploring Careers at Primarily Undergraduate Institutions (PUIs)	12:00-2:00 PM Mock Job Interviews * 2:00-3:00 Speed Networking with EiCs 3:00-5:00 PM CV Reviews * *First come, first served. Sign up at the Career Central info desk!

- **Laura Thorne - Environmental Career Coach**

- **Monday and Tuesday:** The Coach is In: 30-Minute Environmental Career Coaching Sessions (at Laura's table in Career Central)



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