**ECPN** is a *forum* and *network* for those just learning about or entering the field of conservation, including undergraduate students, pre-program individuals, graduate students, and early-career conservation professionals.

*We do this by...*

- Developing targeted programming and resources to support emerging conservation professionals transitioning through early career stages.
- Connecting emerging conservation professionals with educational and professional development opportunities.
- Fostering communication between emerging and experienced conservation professionals.
- Advocating on behalf of and supporting the inclusion of emerging professionals within AIC.
- Engaging in initiatives to promote inclusivity, equity, and diversity in the field.
- Encouraging members to engage in outreach activities, advocacy work, and professional service.

**Get involved!**

- Become a member of ECPN—at no cost!—by selecting ECPN as an interest on your [AIC Member Profile](#).
- Join our [Facebook group](#).
- Find an ECPN liaison for your geographic area or specialization -- or apply to become one! Start by emailing: ecpn.outreach@conservation-us.org

**Learn more...**

- Learn how to [Become a Conservator](#) on the [AIC website](#).
- Visit our [webpage](#).
- Check out [Resources for Emerging Conservators](#) on the [AIC Wiki](#).
- Watch our Webinars on [YouTube](#).
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