



The American Public Health Association (APHA) Aging & Public Health (A&PH) section uniquely focuses on the intersection of public health and the aging population. Its mission is to promote the health and well-being of individuals as they age by improving their health, functioning, quality of life, and financial security.

This document is intended for students in (or interested in joining) the A&PH section. It describes the main A&PH activities that are relevant for students.

AWARDS

When you submit an abstract for the APHA Annual Meeting A&PH section, you can select to be considered for one of several awards. Students are eligible for most of these awards, and two of the awards are exclusively for students. For more information, contact Dr. Annie Nguyen (annie.nguyen@med.usc.edu).

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The A&PH section hosts a career development session at the APHA Annual Meeting dedicated to career development. This is a great opportunity to get career advice from an array of experts. Also, the section organizes career development webinars which provide very useful career guidance.

LEADERSHIP

Students are encouraged to take active leadership roles in the section. Students have the opportunity to serve on committees within the A&PH committees including the Policy Committee, Membership Committee, and Communications Committee. The work involved is interesting, meaningful and helpful for professional development. For more information on the Policy Committee, contact Dr. Pat Alt (palt@towson.edu). For more information on the Membership Committee, contact Dr. Leann Liu (lliu@hcpes.org). For more information on the Communications Committee, contact Katie Anthony (anthokat@onid.oregonstate.edu). Furthermore, students can help spearhead ongoing efforts within the section (such as those listed above) or to create new programs. For more information, contact student liaisons Caroline Bergeron (bergeron_c9@hotmail.com) or Micah Segelman (micah.segelman@gmail.com).

MENTORSHIP

All students in the A&PH section have the opportunity to reach out directly to section members to seek mentorship opportunities. Additionally, mentorship opportunities are specifically offered to student award winners to help make their winning manuscripts ready for publication.

NETWORKING

The A&PH section hosts an annual networking dinner at the APHA Annual Meeting with discounted tickets available for students. This is a fantastic opportunity to network with members of the section. For more information, contact Dr. Carolyn Mendez-Luck (Carolyn.mendez-luck@oregonstate.edu). Another useful networking resource is APHA Connect (connect.apha.org) which allows section members to locate each other. There is an APHA Connect group for the A&PH section and we also anticipate starting an APHA Connect group specifically for A&PH students in the near future.

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA

You can get more information and updates from the A&PH section throughout the year on the APHA website (<http://www.apha.org/apha-communities/member-sections/aging-and-public-health>), the A&PH blog (<http://agingandpublichealth.weebly.com>), Facebook (APHA - Aging & Public Health Section), and Twitter (@APHAaging).