

FAQs for Visiting Professional:

Q: Who should I contact at a university?

A: *First, if you know a faculty member at the university you wish to visit, email them, or email the Department Chair and let them know who you are and why you're getting in touch with them. If there is an appropriate forum for you to come and speak to students, they may be able to help you with that. Otherwise, ask for the contact information for student leaders in the geology department and proceed to contact them.*

Q: What if I don't get any response from faculty?

A: *Try contacting the department receptionist, he/she may have a better feel for who you should contact. And if you still cannot reach anyone through email, give them a call.*

Q: If I *still* can't reach anyone, what should I do?

A: *Don't give up. SYPSC appreciates your effort. And, if there's another school in your area, you may have better luck there.*

Q: Once I get in touch with a faculty member or student geology club leader, what do I do then?

A: *Work with them to set up a meeting time and location, and discuss what topic you could speak about that would find most beneficial.*

Q: We've tried everything to get students to our section meetings, but they still won't come. Now what?

A: *Have you advertised that you:*

- sponsor student membership*
- offer free admittance to section meetings*
- offered to provide student's with transportation*
- have job opportunities advertised at meetings*

Q: Yes, we've done all that and they're still not coming, any suggestions?

A: *Are you interested in participating in the Visiting Professionals Program? This way, you can interact with students without having to get them to come to you.*