

Student and Early Career Representative (SECR) Description

Fulfilling the responsibilities of a Student and Early Career Representative (SECR) involves a range of tasks, mainly (but not restricted to):

1. Writing a monthly column for the ICA newsletter
2. Organizing the reception for the students and early career scholars during the annual conference
3. Organizing a business meeting with all the Student and Early Career Division Representatives during the annual conference
4. Planning and organizing Blue Sky Workshops
5. Speaking at the New Member Orientation Panel during the ICA annual conference
6. Attending Board of Directors meetings
7. Submitting reports to the Executive Committee of ICA, and other networking activities.

Typically, SECRs are nominated by someone in the ICA community or they nominate themselves when announcements are distributed. Representatives serve a two-year term. Every year, there is one Chair representative who is in his or her second year and one vice Chair that is representative who is in his or her first year. Usually the Chair SECR takes more of a leadership role in the duties, while the vice Chair learns of the responsibilities of the position and how to best accomplish their goals. This routine enables the Chair to mentor the vice Chair to the role and duties of the position.