

Professional Development

Professional Development is important during all stages of one's geoscience career

Whether you're an undergraduate or graduate student, a recent graduate seeking employment, an early-career professional, or an expert with many years of experience in your field, AGI has professional development resources for you. The Preparing our Workforce (POW) Initiative provides a plethora of resources for geoscientists in any time during their career. Below are some of the resources and services that AGI provides as part of the **Preparing our Workforce (POW) Initiative**.

Learn new skills with the Geoscience Online Learning Initiative (GOLI)

- **Students and early-career professionals:** Do you want to improve some of your academic and technical skills for school or entering the workforce? Check out the Geoscience Online Learning Initiative (GOLI). GOLI is a collaboration between AGI and the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) which provides learning opportunities for students, early- and mid-career professionals through online courses taught by professional geoscientists. Select courses can be taken for professional credits (CEU's).
- **Industry, non-academic and academic professionals:** Do you want to give back to the community by hosting career discussions, but don't know where to start? Check out AGI's online resource called the "Hosting Career Discussions" Course offered through GOLI. This course gives professionals the support they need to facilitate effective career discussions with students and faculty members. The course takes you through a step-by-step process of learning how to engage your audience with the most up-to-date data and information about the geoscience workforce. Upon successful completion of the course, you will be provided a copy of the PowerPoint Presentation, and access to professionally developed materials. The course is free, **register here!**

Expand your professional network by connecting with members from AGI's societies

- AGI's federation is comprised of nearly 50 different geoscientific professional societies, which collectively represents 250,000 geoscientists nationally. These organizations have many resources available to their members for networking, employment, travel, fieldwork, research and leadership opportunities. **[Here you can find a list of our membership societies.](#)**
- When connecting with other geoscience professionals, it's important to keep these **[networking tips](#)** in mind!

Work toward becoming a licensed geoscientist through the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG)

ASBOG serves to connect individual state geologic registration licensing boards for the planning and preparation of uniform procedures and coordination of geologic protective measures for the general public. To learn more about ASBOG, how to become a licensed geoscientist and other important information, **[visit ASBOG's webpage.](#)**
