



The A&WMA Mentor Partnership

The **Air & Waste Management Association (A&WMA)** has established an affiliation with the MentorNet Community in order to encourage student and inexperienced members, promote professionalism, and enhance membership.

The **Pacific NW International Section (PNWIS)** has co-sponsored this program for 2006 and we invite you to find out more about it.

MentorNet's Programs pair engineering and science students as protégés with professionals from all sectors for e-mentoring. **Protégés and mentors must be A&WMA members to participate.**

Mentors and protégés sign up for a program through the MentorNet Web site, and fill out a "profile" with their information and preferences. Protégés may then search the pool of available mentors using criteria such as location, field, and gender, and choose their match. Once a protégé has chosen a mentor and the mentor has accepted, e-mentoring can begin. Mentors and protégés communicate by e-mail about career goals, balancing work and life, course work, and other associated topics. There's no need for previous mentoring experience and both mentors and protégés can receive online coaching.

Protégés must be a community college, undergraduate, or graduate student, post-doc or untenured faculty member. **Mentors must have** professional work experience (this includes faculty); and, those with QEP or PE certification are urgently needed. The Industry Program pairs protégés from all academic levels who are interested in industry and government careers. The Academic Career Program pairs protégés (restricted to graduate and post-doc students) who are interested in faculty careers.

To sign up, follow the A&WMA website links to MentorNet and create a mentor or protégé profile. Sign in (**with you're A&WMA member number**) to the MentorNet Community at <http://www.awma.org> (click on Environmental Ed. - top of the webpage, then MentorNet)

We look forward to your participation!

A&WMA, PNWIS, and MentorNet