

# ABCT “Convention Buddy” Pilot Program

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In an effort to welcome new first-time student attendees to the ABCT convention to help promote a positive convention experience, we are looking for participants in the new Convention Buddy program. This pilot program will match new ABCT student convention attendees (“newbie”) with seasoned ABCT student attendees (“buddy”) to help familiarize the newbie to the ABCT convention and navigate the meeting. So, you might ask, “What’s involved in this Convention Buddy program?” It’s quite simple. After the buddy/newbie match has been created (based on information from submitted interest forms), each buddy and newbie will receive each other’s contact information. Prior to the convention, the buddy will be asked to connect with the newbie at least once via email or phone to arrange a meeting time and place prior to attending

the Friday, November 21, ABCT awards ceremony together. Following the awards ceremony, the buddy will take the newbie to the Welcoming Cocktail Party/SIG Expo, introduce the newbie to a few colleagues, and provide an overview on how to navigate the room. It’s as simple as that! If you and your buddy decide that you want to do more together throughout the convention or end up collaborating on research, that’s a bonus! Again, the overall goal is to help newbies feel comfortable and leave after having a professionally rewarding experience. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and begin volunteering with ABCT. **Questions? Please contact me at [djmaack@olemiss.edu](mailto:djmaack@olemiss.edu).** Interested in being a part of this exciting new program? Either fax the mail-in interest form (212-647-1865) or email the requested information to [conventionbuddy@abct.org](mailto:conventionbuddy@abct.org).



## Newbie Interest Form

NAME:

AFFILIATION:

AREA OF INTEREST:

FACULTY MENTOR:

EXPECTED GRADUATION YEAR AND  
DEGREE:

QUESTIONS OR EXPECTATIONS OF FIRST  
ABCT CONVENTION:



## Buddy Volunteer Form

NAME:

AFFILIATION:

AREA OF INTEREST:

FACULTY MENTOR:

EXPECTED GRADUATION YEAR AND  
DEGREE:

# OF ABCT CONVENTIONS ATTENDED: