Breakout Session: Research Workforce and Early Career Scientists Working Group

Optimizing Mentorship Experiences for Grantees

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- Explore the national landscape of mentoring in STEMM
- Introduce national models and resources used to optimize mentoring relationships with diverse trainees and their mentors.
- Introduce current research and resources that funders can use to support grantees.
- Discuss a range of implementation approaches being used nationally.
- Breakout Session: Develop and share implementation plans for creating sustainable efforts in mentorship training locally, taking into consideration barriers and supports to those efforts.

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- 3. Audience/target of initiative
- 4. Disciplinary focus of initiative
- 5. Measuring the outcome(s) of the initiative
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Mentorship Initiatives and Plans

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Initiatives: Example 1

Addressing NIGMS T32 Requirement

Initiative	Improve research mentoring relationships in our graduate training program to address the new T32 requirement		
Conditions	New requirement from funding agency and growing interest in improving mentorship in our program/ department		
Target	Prospective or Current T32 Directors/ PIs		
Disciplines	Biomedical		
Outcomes	Skills gains in mentors; increased satisfaction of mentees with their mentoring relationship(s); enhanced persistence of all trainees; increases awareness of tools to enhance mentorship		
Resources Needed	 Clarity of what will fulfill the mentor training requirement Knowledge of what resources are available locally and nationally to implement a 4-hour mentor training session as part of our program activities Evidence based curricula, facilitator training, marketing materials, top-level support for effort 		

Initiatives: Example 2

Grantee Mentorship Orientation

Initiative	Improve the research mentoring relationships of our grantees (mentees and their primary mentors)		
Conditions	Growing evidence of the impact of mentoring on persistence of diverse trainees		
Target	Post-docs and their mentors		
Disciplines	STEMM		
Outcomes	Increases awareness of tools to enhance mentorship; increased use of tools		
Resources Needed	 Materials to design and offer an orientation webinar for mentees and mentors to help them launch their relationships within our program and align expectations Mentoring resources/ articles to share with faculty mentors of our grantees as part of the award package. Assessment tools 		

Initiatives: Example 3

Assessment of Mentorship

Initiative	To survey our faculty and trainees about what they perceive mentorship means and what needs attention and improvement in their relationships and programs This information will inform our future mentorship initiatives.		
Conditions	Our conviction that mentoring needs an articulated framework to support our trainees and faculty.		
Target	Faculty and trainees		
Disciplines	Life Sciences		
Outcomes	A needs assessment of our trainees and faculty regarding mentorship; information to inform our mentorship initiatives		
Resources Needed	 Funds to support a student in Education/Social Science to bring mixed methods approaches to design and analysis. Evidence based curricula to build from 		

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Exploration of Available and Needed Resources

<u>Evidence-based</u> resources exist to support the optimization of research mentoring relationships

...these are open-access and ready to be used by campuses today!



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Over the past decade, many organizations have made it possible for mentor and mentee training curricula to be developed and tested



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National Research Mentoring Network (NRMN)



Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity (BUILD)









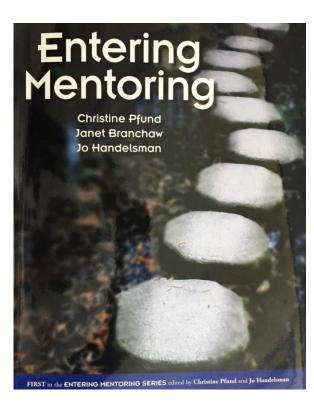
NRMN Mentor Training Core: Expanded, Enhanced, and Studied Ways to Optimize Research Mentoring Relationships

- Face-to-face mentor training workshops
- Face-to-face mentee training workshops
- Self-paced online training
- Synchronous online training
- Train-the-trainer workshops
- Implementation workshops





Mentor Training Curriculum



Key elements of mentor training:

- Process-based using case studies and group problem solving
- Aimed at awareness-raising and reflection across targeted competencies
- Provides a confidential and brave forum to share the collective experience of mentors across a range of experiences
- Distribute and adapt resources to improve mentoring



Mentor Training Curriculum: Standardized Competencies

- Aligning expectations
- Promoting professional development
- Maintaining effective communication
- Addressing equity and inclusion
- Assessing understanding
- Fostering independence
- Cultivating ethical behavior
- With more in development!



Research Self-Efficacy Module

- 90-minute face-to-face mentor training module
- Developed using the social cognitive career theory (SCCT) model
- Designed to address the gap in training opportunities to help mentors learn how to support trainee research self-efficacy
- Tested at 11 sites

PROMOTING TRAINEE RESEARCH SELF-EFFICACY

	Before M (SD)	Now M (SD)	M _{diff}	<i>t</i> (df)	p	dz
Defining the sources of self-efficacy	3.17 (1.61)	4.92 (1.23)	1.75	12.75 (100)	<.001	1.26
Building mentees' confidence for research	4.03 (1.39)	5.22 (1.09)	1.18	13.20 (152)	<.001	1.07
Employing strategies for building mentees' self-efficacy in research	3.57 (1.35)	5.09 (1.07)	1.52	15.80 (152)	<.001	1.28
Assessing mentees confidence for research	3.75 (1.40)	4.80 (1.27)	1.05	11.42 (151)	<.001	0.93
Recognizing deficits in mentees' confidence for research	3.62 (1.30)	4.81 (1.12)	1.19	11.98 (130)	<.001	1.05

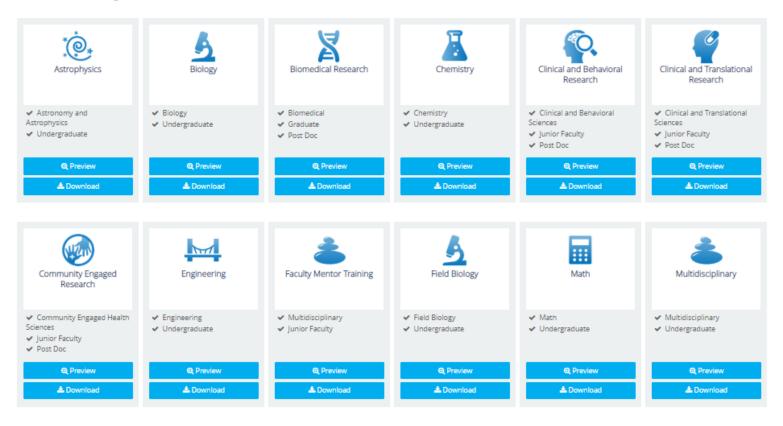
Table 7. Self-reported skill gains from self-efficacy module participants.

Butz, A., Byars-Winston, A., Leverett, P., Branchaw, J., and Pfund, C. (2018). Promoting STEM trainee research self-efficacy: a mentor training intervention. *Understanding Interventions*. 1(9).

Mentor Training Curriculum Adaptations for Career Stages & Disciplines

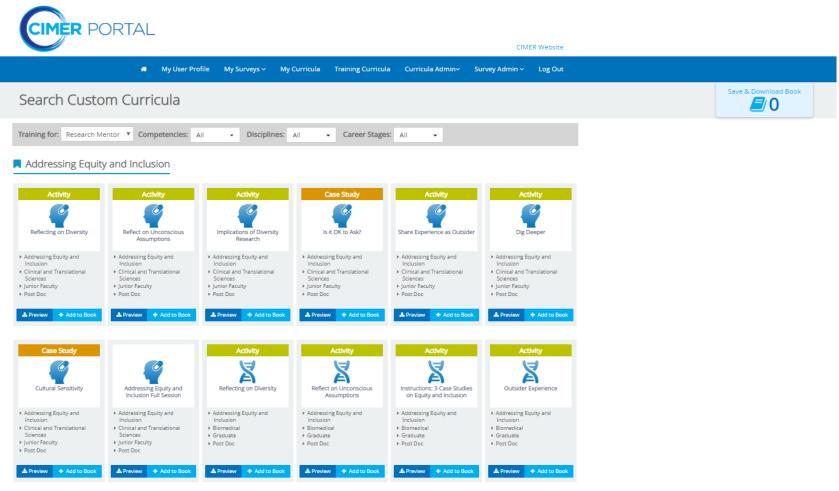
Complete Entering Mentoring Curricula

Curricula are organized by discipline. Each curriculum denotes the career stage of the mentee which whom the mentors work. Click on the magnifying glass to see a preview. Click on the lock to log in and download the curriculum as a PDF.





Training Materials: Build-Your-Own Research Mentor Training Curricula





Planning Resource: Scheduling

Mentor

Scheduling

Our mentor training is designed to be delivered in 8 hours. Former participants have reported that scheduling sessions every other week over approximately two months is ideal, because it allows time for reflection and practice.

Alternatively, you may wish to implement a shorter workshop. In this case, we recommend that you focus on just one or two topics. You can customize your own curriculum using our collection of materials.

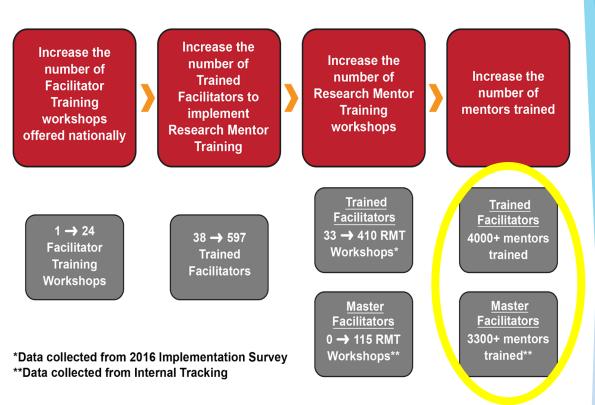
Sample Schedule #1 (recommended)

Session	Length	Topics
1	2 hours	Introduction to Mentor Training Maintaining Effective Communication
2	2 hours	Aligning Expectations Assessing Understanding
3	2 hours	Addressing Equity and Inclusion Fostering Independence
4	2 hours	Promoting Professional Development Articulating Your Mentoring Philosophy and Plan



Expanding: Train-the-Trainer Approach to National Dissemination

- TTT approach to dissemination has resulted in the preparation of nearly 600 trained facilitators, representing 152 academic institutions
- Trained Facilitators have implemented mentor training for over 4,000 graduate student, junior faculty, and senior faculty mentors



Spencer, K., McDaniels, M., Utzerath, E., Griebel Rogers, J., Sorkness, C., Asquith, P., Pfund, C. (2018). Building a Sustainable National Infrastructure to Expand Research Mentor Training. CBE-LSE 17:3

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Assessment Tool to Measure Mentorship Role in Undergraduate Research

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UW-Madison Researchers Contribute to NAS Report on Undergraduate Research Experiences



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at its Wisconsin Center for Education Research (WCER), released a study examining evidence on undergraduate research experiences. Branchaw and Grodsky are among 16 experts from across the ...



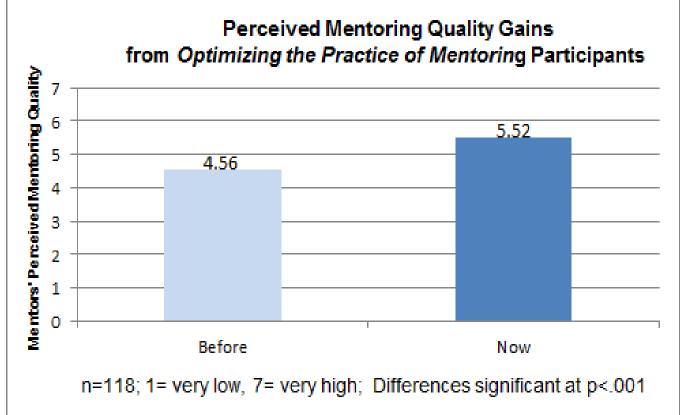
2020 - February 14, 2020 -Entering Research

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Enhanced Online, Self-Paced Mentor Training

- Online, self-paced training for mentors of graduate students, postdocs, and junior faculty
- Adaptation for mentors of undergrads is in development (in final programming phase)



Weber-Main AM., Shanedling J., Kaiser A., Connett J., Lamere M., El-Fakahany E. A Randomized Controlled Pilot Study of the University of Minnesota's Mentorship Excellence Training Academy: A Hybrid Learning Approach to Research Mentor Training. [Manuscript in preparation]

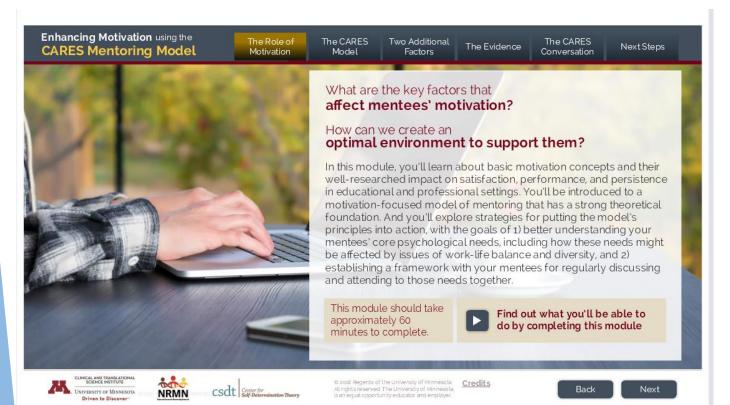


Adapted Intervention: Motivation Module

Research Report

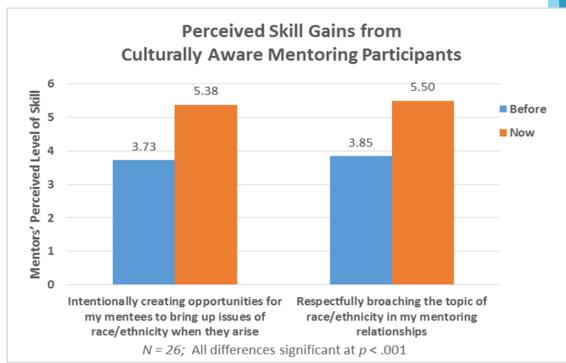
A Randomized Controlled Trial of Mentoring Interventions for Underrepresented Minorities

Vivian Lewis, MD, Camille A. Martina, PhD, Michael P. McDermott, PhD, Paula M. Trief, PhD, Steven R. Goodman, PhD, Gene D. Morse, PharmD, Jennifer G. LaGuardia, PhD, Daryl Sharp, PhD, RN, and Richard M. Ryan, PhD



New Modules: Culturally Aware Mentor Training

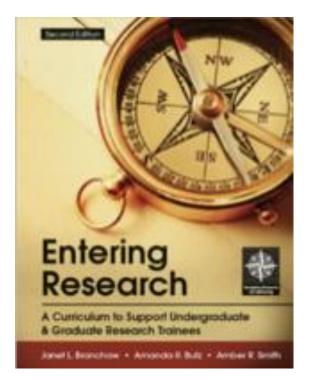
- Full-day level 2 mentor training workshop
- Implemented at 12 sites with 257 participants
- Pilot data (n=70) show self-reported significant gains
- Sample of Impact 24 months Post Pilot Training
 - Greater realization of their own racial and ethnic biases and insensitivities
 - More individualized mentoring strategies
 - Better engagement with historically underrepresented (HU) students, even by HU faculty



Building from R01 GM094573 (Byars-Winston and Pfund)

Byars-Winston et al. (2018). *Journal of Clinical and Translational Science*, 2(2), 86-94.

Developed and Tested Training for Mentees



Key elements of mentee training:

- Process-based using case studies and group problem solving
- Introduces undergraduate and graduate students to the culture of research
- Teaches valuable research skills
- Alleviates some of the work of faculty and lab personnel associated with mentoring novice researchers.

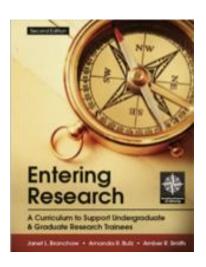
Mentee Training Curriculum

Research Skills

- •3-Minute Research Story
- •Ethics Case: Credit where Credit is Due
- Mini-Grant Proposal

Interpersonal Skills

- Finding a Research Mentor
- •Aligning Mentor Trainee Expectations
- Case Studies: Sticky Situations



Cultural Awareness and Skills

- Storytelling/Counter-storytelling
- Stereotype threat

Research Attitudes and Beliefs

- Awkward/Unnecessary Mentor Case Study
- Steps to Researcher Independence
- The Power of Social Persuasion (Self-Efficacy)

Professional & Career Development Skills

- Research Careers
- The Next Step in Your Career
- "Whatever you do, don't choose this lab" case study (rotation advice)
- Lab rotation rubric



Mentee Training Curriculum: Entering Research (ER)

ER2: Areas of Trainee Development

(AoTD)

Research Comprehension & Communication Skills

Practical Research Skills

Research Ethics

Researcher Identity

Researcher Confidence & Independence

Equity & Inclusion Awareness & Skills

Professional & Career Development Skills

1 book: 622 pages; 96 activities

26 colleagues who contributed content to ER2

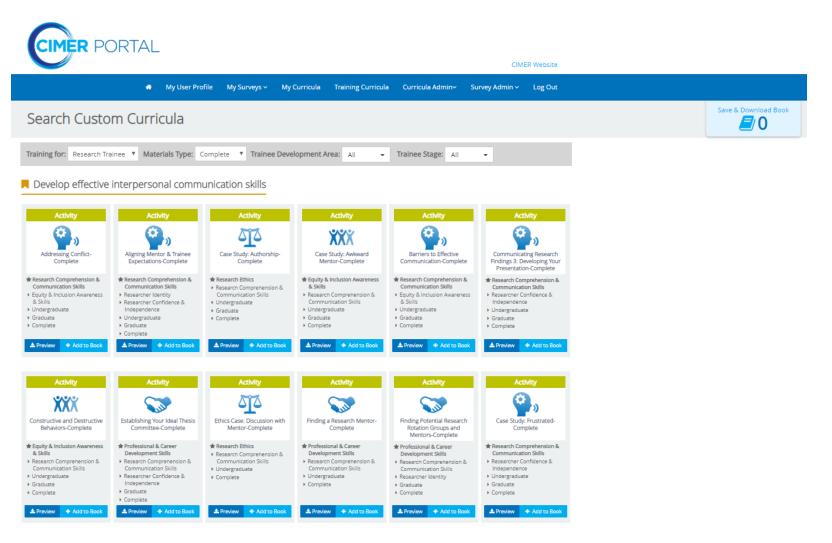
Pilot Testing: **36** unique implementations with **64** facilitators & **499** trainees

 validated learning assessment,
 evaluation survey & 14 activity rubrics

55 Trained Facilitators



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Mentoring Up

Adapted from Gabarro and Kotter (1980) Harvard Business Review.

Lee, S., Pfund,C., Branchaw, J., and McGee, R. (2018) Mentoring Up: Learning to Manage Your Mentoring Relationships. In *The Mentoring Continuum*: From Graduate School Through Tenure. Glenn Wright, ed. Syracuse, NY: The Graduate School Press of Syracuse University.

Beyond "Finding Good Mentors" to "Building and Cultivating Your Mentoring Team" (2015) Rick McGee, Steve Lee, Christine Pfund, Janet Branchaw. National Postdoc Association



Modules to Address Attributes for Effective Research Mentoring Relationships

Re	search Skills	Diversity / Culturally-focused Skills			
• • •	Developing disciplinary research skills Teaching and Learning disciplinary knowledge Developing technical skills Accurately assessing mentees' understanding of disciplinary knowledge and skills Valuing and practicing ethical behavior and responsible conduct of research	 Advancing equity and inclusion Being culturally responsive Reducing the impact of bias Reducing the impact of stereotype threat 			
Int	erpersonal Skills Listening actively Aligning mentor and mentee expectations Building trusting relationships/ honesty	 Sponsorship Skills Fostering mentees' independence Promoting professional development Establishing and fostering mentee professional networks Actively advocating on behalf of mentees 			
Psy	chosocial Skills				
	Providing motivation Developing mentee career self-efficacy Developing mentee research self-efficacy Developing science identity Developing a sense of belonging	Þfund <i>et al</i> . 2016			

CIMER: Center for the Improvement of Mentored Experiences in Research





CIMER: Providing resources for organizations and institutions to improve research mentoring relationships

Effective research mentoring relationships are critical to developing the next generation of researchers. Learn how to improve these relationships at all career stages and promote cultural change that values excellence in research mentoring as a critical aspect of diversifying the research workforce.

Who are we?

What do we do?

News

Researchers and practitioners dedicated to improving research mentoring relationships among all career stages of post-secondary researchers. CIMER faculty and staff investigate approaches for improving research mentoring relationships for organizations and institutions. We develop, implement and evaluate mentor and mentee UW–Madison Researchers Contribute to NAS Report on Undergraduate Research Experiences

A National Academies of Sciences committee whose members include CIMER's Janet Branchaw MORE NEWS •



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Evaluation Resource: Mentoring Competency Assessment (MCA)

https://cimerproject.org/cimer-assessment-platform/

CIMER Assessment Platform (CAP)

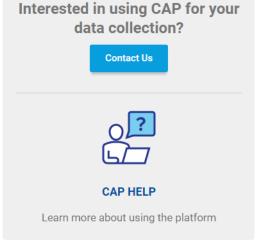
The CIMER Assessment Platform (CAP) is an electronic survey platform housed at the Center for Improvement of Mentored Experiences in Research. Accessible through the CIMER portal, the platform is used to collect individual or paired survey data across programs, institutions, and organizations using both common and customized assessment metrics.

Why use the CIMER Assessment Platform?

The platform was developed by researchers to streamline data collection across multiple sites using common metrics. Key features were built to ensure that users can easily administer surveys, access data, and compare data across groups.

Key Features

- Program administrators have full control of creating and administering their survey and monitoring data collection
- · Surveys include base questions used across all groups but can also be customized
- · Program administrators have can access and download survey data
- Formal reports and datasets are automatically generated at both the individual level (each site) as well as the aggregate level (across all sites)
- Mentors and mentees/trainees can be surveyed individually or as a pair with aligned survey questions
- Survey users contribute to a national evaluation dataset on research mentoring relationships





Metrics for Assessing Knowledge, Skills, Effectiveness and Impact of Mentoring Relationships

Domographics	Context/Background	
Demographics	Previous Research Experience	Evaluation of Mentor Training
Race	Credit for Doing Research	- Satisfaction
Ethnicity		 Targeted knowledge/ Skill Gains
Gender		 Changes in Practice
Career Stage	<u>Research Experience/ Science Identity</u>	_
	Attitudes and Behaviors as a Researcher	Evaluation of Mentee Training
Social Cognitive Career Theory	Research Experience (activities)	Satisfaction
Outcome Expectations		Targeted knowledge/ Skill Gains
Research Self-Efficacy	Mentee Confidence/ Skill Gains	Changes in Practice
Sources of Self-Efficacy	Thinking and Working Like a Scientist	
	Personal Gains Related to Research Work	Evaluation of Culturally Aware Mentorship Training
Cultural Diversity Awareness	Gains in Skills	Satisfaction
Attitudes		Targeted knowledge/ Skill Gains
Behavior	Mentor Confidence/ Skill Gains	Changes in Practice
Confidence	Mentor Competency Assessment	
Identity	Mentoring Self-Efficacy	-
Quality of Mentoring		
Mentor Effectiveness		-
Research Experience (Relationship	Intent/ Plans for Future/ Advancement	-
Quality)	Career Plans	_
Quality of Mentoring	Research Experience (Intentions)	
	Presentations/. Publications Career Transition	

Additional Resources (in addition to CIMER)

Free modules and resources of mentors to help them advance their practice			
90 minute, online self-study for the mentors of grad students, postdocs, and junior faculty to optimize their mentoring practices	https://www.ctsi.umn.edu/education-and- training/mentoring/mentor-training		
90 minute, online self-study for the mentors of undergraduates to optimize their mentoring practices	Coming soon from NRMN and University of Minnesota		
Online self-study module for mentors on how to better motivate their mentees	https://www.ctsi.umn.edu/education-and- training/mentoring/mentor-training		
Resources for mentors for each phase of the mentoring relationship: selection, alignment, cultivation, closure	https://ictr.wisc.edu/mentoring-2/		
Introduction to culturally aware mentoring and training available	https://nrmnet.net/research-mentor-training/		
Example Mentoring compacts and individual development plans	https://ictr.wisc.edu/mentoring-2/mentoring- compactscontracts-examples/		
Example Individual development plans	https://ictr.wisc.edu/mentoring-2/individual- development-plan/		

Phases of the Mentoring Relationship: Selection, Alignment, Cultivation, Closure

https://ictr.wisc.edu/mentoring/

MENTORING



Effective mentoring is a key component of the education and training of clinical and translational researchers. ICTR strives to provide a supportive environment to our scholars and trainees, as well as their mentors, that includes research mentoring to foster growth throughout one's professional career pathway. Our introductory Mentor and Mentee Resources are framed around the four phases of the relationship: Selection, Alignment, Cultivation, and Closure. Please see below to access in depth resources associated with each phase.

ICTR is also a leader in the development of mentoring resources and specialized training curricula across the biomedical, translational, and clinical disciplines. <u>Members of our mentoring team have developed, tested</u>, and disseminated nationally recognized workshops for mentor and mentee training throughout the CTSA <u>consortium</u>. These initiatives are part of a <u>larger coordinated NIH effort</u> to diversity the biomedical research workforce.



NEED HELP?

Welcome to our new home on the UW ICTR web site. Previously bookmarked material can be found here or on the <u>CIMER web site</u>.

More questions? You can contact us at mentoring@med.wisc.edu

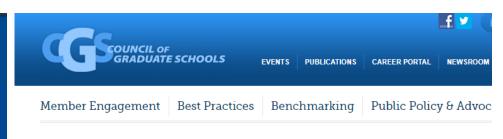


Council of Graduate Schools (CGS): Resources https://cgsnet.org

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Great Mentoring in Graduate School: A QUICK START GUIDE FOR PROTÉGÉS

Laura Gail Lunsford, PhD & Vicki L. Baker, PhD



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Because mentorship is central to doctoral education, the design and monitoring of the processes for "managing" this oneon-one relationship between faculty and student are critical. And precisely because the relationship is personal, it easily avoids evaluation and scrutiny.

A graduate school can emphasize to students and faculty alike the importance of positive mentoring by providing workshops and discussions about mentoring for faculty and graduate students. Another resource is the Faculty Development Center that could provide ongoing mentoring workshops. Faculty members who have never served as graduate mentors should be provided workshops on successful mentoring. A speaker series devoted to mentoring could be made available to faculty and graduate students. The Graduate Student Association can offer an annual mentoring award to recognize the effective mentors on campus. There are multiple ways to encourage greater dialogue about the importance of the mentoring role.