




Adviser, Role Model, Friend?  
Give Back by Becoming a Mentor-Fellow

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Welcome and Introductions

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Mentor: Someone who gives help and advice to a less experienced person


Within Mentor-Connect?

- Work with prospective grantees
- Transfer knowledge and teach successful grant-writing strategies
- Develop a next generation of Principal Investigators



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That sounds great - but how do you get the experience?



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What is a Mentor-Fellow?

- Pathway to becoming a Mentor
- Work with Mentor to assist New-to-NSF faculty prepare proposal



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Why does the program exist?


- ATE is a community
- Know what is involved
- Want NSF ATE to succeed

BUT . . . How to start

<https://www.mentor-connect.org/be-a-mentor>




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### Qualifications

- Experience working within the NSF ATE program and funded projects
- Experience writing or significantly contributing to the preparation of at least two successful ATE proposals
- Three to five years of involvement with implementing an ATE center and/or project


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### Expectations

- Explore, study, and understand not only NSF ATE proposal solicitation, and components of PAPPG but also Mentor-Connect resources
- Begin internship with the start of the new calendar year
- Shadow assigned Mentor during work sessions with mentee teams (approximately 36 hours)


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### Expectations (continued)

- Contribute to mentoring of mentee
- Attend Winter and Summer Mentor Connect workshops
- Attend technical assistance webinars and tutorials

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Mentor-Fellow to Mentor

### What does this mean to me?

- Use my experience to encourage community college applicants
- Welcome teams into the NSF-ATE community with a purpose
- Stay connected in the NSF-ATE community, surrounded by my own Mentors
- Believe in the work that community colleges do
- Get to experience the creativity

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Mentee to Mentor-Fellow to Mentor

### An opportunity to give and grow


- Cohort One Mentee - Continued support
- Mentor- Fellow
  - Professional development with a focus on leadership
  - Enhanced grant writing skills
  - Opportunity to help other new to ATE grant teams
- Mentor
  - Constantly refining and learning

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### Panel Discussion


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### Benefits after completion


- Eligible to serve as a Mentor-Connect Mentor
- Receive stipend for successful completion of the Internship
- Travel reimbursement to attend two Mentor-Connect workshops
- Experience will enhance grant-writing, leadership, and mentoring skills
- Opportunity to give back to the ATE community
- Develop a broader colleague network within the ATE Community

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### But . . . most important

- Learn a lot
- Grow as a person
- It is fun



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