Request for Applications: Mentor Fellows

The Mentor Fellows internship program is an activity of the Mentor-Connect: Leadership Development and Outreach for ATE project. The Mentor Fellows internship prepares new Mentors to help new-to-ATE college faculty learn to develop competitive ATE grant proposals and grow as leaders. Mentor Fellows also support a purposeful turnover of Mentors over time. Previous Mentors transition to become special-purpose Mentors for other aspects of mentoring within the Mentor-Connect project. Mentor Fellows facilitates the involvement of more members of the ATE Community, promotes an infusion of new ideas, and engages new talent in this important work.

Those selected as Mentor Fellows have experience working within the NSF ATE community of programs and projects. At least three to five years of involvement with an ATE center or project(s) is considered minimum experience.

• Compensation: Fellows receive a stipend of $1,500 plus travel support to attend two Mentor-Connect workshops.

• Commitment: Participation in Mentor shadowing, Winter and Summer Workshop (TBD), bi-monthly Mentor Interviews, technical assistance webinars, and study of Mentor-Connect resources, the NSF ATE proposal solicitation, and components of the PAPPG.

• Internship Duration: nine to twelve months

All applicants should be currently, or very recently have been, involved with the NSF ATE community. Endorsers can be from the same institution as the nominee. Members of the Mentor-Connect project team and/or selection team are not eligible to serve as endorsers.

The application should be accompanied by letters from those very familiar with the applicant’s work. Reference letters and the applicant statement should specifically outline characteristics that make the applicant a good fit for this work, the applicant’s interest in becoming a Mentor-Connect Mentor, and the applicant’s accomplishments with an emphasis on ATE Program involvement and grant experience.

How to Apply:

1). Mentor Fellows Application Components

• Completed Mentor Fellows Part 1 Application Form
• Applicant’s résumé
• Recommendation/reference letters from at least two ATE PIs or Co-PIs familiar with the applicant and his or her work

2). Application Deadline and Process
Deadline: To apply to be a Mentor Fellow, submit completed application package (Part 1 and Part 2) by 11:59 p.m. EST, September 30, 2022.

Application Process:

Part 1: Complete and submit online application.

Part 2: Upload and submit supporting documents, résumé, and recommendation/reference letters from at least two ATE PIs or Co-PIs familiar with the applicant and his or her work.

QUESTIONS:

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* Required

1. Email *

2. Name/Title *
   First and last name
3. Institution *
   
4. Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code) *
   
5. Telephone Number (Work) *
   
6. Telephone Number (Cell)
   
7. Academic degrees/credentials (provide all)
8. Gender *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Female
☐ Male
☐ Prefer not to say
☐ Other: __________________________

9. Race/Ethnicity *

Mark only one oval.

☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native
☐ Asian
☐ Black or African American
☐ White or Caucasian
☐ Hispanic or Latino
☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
☐ Multiracial

10. Please briefly summarize (no more than 100 words) your interest in serving as a Mentor and willingness to dedicate time to this work, to work with those new-to-ATE as they prepare a first proposal for the ATE Program

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11. Do you have at least 3-5 years’ experience directing and/or implementing successful ATE projects as a PI, Co-PI and/or Project Director/Manager or similar role? *
   
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   ☐ Yes
   ☐ No

12. Provide the title, project DUE number, and grantee institution for each ATE-funded project on which you have worked. *

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13. Give a brief description of your ATE grant experience (roles and contributions). *

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14. Do you have experience writing or significantly contributing to two or more successful ATE proposals? *

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   ☐ Yes
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15. If you have been engaged in the writing of ATE grant proposals, list the titles and proposal DUE numbers of up to two ATE proposals that you have authored or co-authored and describe how each experience will inform your work as a Mentor Fellow (potential Mentor).

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16. What have been your contributions to and/or meaningful engagements with the ATE Program beyond implementing a specific funded project or Center? Check or list experience.

Check all that apply.

☐ Partnered with/worked on an ATE project or Center at another institution
☐ Served as a Mentor-Links Mentor
☐ Contributed content to a webinar for the ATE Community
☐ Served as an ATE project evaluator
☐ Served as an ATE proposal reviewer
☐ Other: ________________________________________________________________

17. Briefly describe your experience in building and maintaining partnerships (e.g., high school, community college, four-year college, industry, labor).

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* Required field
18. If you have had recent, meaningful experience mentoring peers in an academic context, please describe.

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19. Do you have a minimum of two years of academic program, curriculum and/or course development experience at the associate degree level and/or at a two-year college?

*Mark only one oval.*

☐ Yes
☐ No

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