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Re: Seeking AASWSW Fellows to Serve as Mentors for Early Career Faculty!

Dear Academy Fellows,

One of the most important contributions that senior scholars can make is to help the next generation gain the research and practical skills they need to advance in their careers in ways that promote social justice for vulnerable populations. As many of you know, the Academy has developed a Mentoring Program to provide early career faculty scholars (Assistant Professors), particularly from institutions that lack strong research traditions with access to established scholars who can mentor them for 1 year as they advance their academic career and scholarly goals.

Mentoring focuses on research planning in the mentees' areas of interest (e.g., research agenda, design, methods, analytic strategies), scholarly output (e.g., publishing articles, writing grants), and/or career advice (e.g., time management, expectations for promotion and tenure, managing work/life balance). Our evaluation of that first two years indicated that it was judged successful by a large portion of mentees and mentors who participated.

As we launch the third Academy mentoring program, we need your help! Last year, over 50 early career faculty members from over 30 schools applied to be matched with an Academy mentor. We were not able to meet all mentee applications last year, and we anticipate a growth in applications this year. **We do hope you will consider volunteering your time and expertise for a mentoring experience rewarding for both yourself and your mentee.**

In evaluation of the mentoring program both mentors and mentees recommended that we give greater attention to the substantive match. Toward that end, we ask that you please complete the brief electronic survey to indicate your interest and expertise in the various substantive areas identified by mentee applicants. Please also submit a brief bio when you return this survey form. To meet the needs of mentees with a range of social identities, we need a diverse pool of mentors as well.

Please return your survey and bio by **June 15th to the link below**. We are hoping that we able to match mentors and mentees by early August in time to begin meeting in Autumn semester. We thank you for your time and support of this initiative.

With appreciation for your contribution to mentoring!

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