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Deans and Directors: Academy Mentor Opportunity For Your Early Career Faculty

We are writing to invite you to inform early career faculty at your social work education program of a mentoring program sponsored by the Academy. We are confident that as academic leaders you will be interested in assisting your emerging scholars to benefit from the knowledge and skills of Academy Fellows who are prominent members of our field.

The Academy mentoring program aims to provide guidance to early career scholars on activities such as career planning, manuscript writing, grant applications, research project planning and related scholarly activities to benefit the mentee's professional development. Mentoring consultation is intended to be short-term (approximately 1 year) and focused on specific goals. However, this does not preclude longer-term mentoring or collaborations that might result from this initial mentoring assistance, should the mentor and mentee choose to continue the relationship.

If you have early career faculty who are interested in participating as a mentee in this initiative, please provide them with the link at the end of this email. The survey is to be completed no later than **June 15th**.

This questionnaire asks early career scholars to indicate their substantive area and type of mentoring assistance they seek (e.g., specific manuscript or research project, grant application, and/or professional development advice).

As coordinators of this effort, we along with Academy staff will work to ensure a reasonable match between mentee needs and mentor knowledge and skills and will follow up periodically to learn how well the match is working. Mentees will be asked to commit to a 1-year mentoring relationship with approximately monthly meetings and, if possible, an in-person meeting with their mentor during a national conference that both attend (e.g., SSWR, GSA, APPAM, CSWE).

We greatly appreciate your informing your emerging scholars about this opportunity to learn from distinguished Academy Fellows. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions.

With appreciation,

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