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Dear Deans, Directors and Chairs: Academy Mentor Opportunity for Your Early Career Faculty

We are writing to invite you to inform early career faculty (Assistant Professors) at your social work education program of the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare (AASWSW) **Mentor Match Program, 2023-2024**.

The AASWSW Mentor Match Program aims to provide guidance to early career scholars on activities such as career planning, scholarly networking, manuscript writing, grant applications, research project planning, and related scholarly activities to benefit the mentee's professional development. The AASWSW Mentors are all Fellows of the Academy. Mentoring consultation is intended to be short-term (1 academic 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.

We are prioritizing, but not limiting to, early career faculty from under-represented groups and from institutions that do not already have robust mentoring resources from seasoned researchers. If you have early career faculty who you see to be consistent with these priorities, please encourage them to complete [the application](#) no later than **August 21stth**. The application 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).

We will work to ensure a reasonable match between mentee needs and mentor 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, CSWE, CSWE). Mentors and mentees can jointly determine the nature of their mentoring relationship.

Registration: <https://links.asu.edu/AASWSWMentoring>

We greatly appreciate your informing well suited emerging scholars about this opportunity to learn from distinguished Academy Fellows. Please do not hesitate to contact us at AaswswMentoring@exchange.asu.edu with questions.

Best Regards,

AASWSW Mentoring Program Committee

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