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Re: Seeking AASWSW Fellows to Serve as Mentors for Early Career Faculty  
Registration: <https://links.asu.edu/AASWSWMentoring>

Dear Academy Fellows,

We are writing to ask you to serve as a Mentor as part of the **American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare Mentor Match Program, 2023-2024.**

Five years ago, the Academy developed a mentoring program for early career scholars (assistant professors in tenure-track positions), particularly underrepresented scholars and scholars at institutions that lack strong research mentorship. The program provides early career scholars with access to established scholars who mentor them for one year as they advance their academic career and scholarly goals. Prior years' evaluations indicate that the program has been valuable for both mentees and mentors

We need your help as we launch next year's mentoring program! We have struggled to provide all applicants with mentors during the past four years, and we anticipate a continued growth in applications this year. **Please consider volunteering your time and expertise for a rewarding mentoring experience for both yourself and your mentee.**

The time commitment for Fellows is relatively low: one virtual meeting per month and one meeting at a conference if possible. Mentoring can focus on research planning, career planning, grant writing, publishing manuscripts, navigating the academy, balancing work/life, and/or other career advice. Mentors and mentees can jointly determine the parameters of their mentoring relationship.

Please register here (<https://links.asu.edu/AASWSWMentoring>) by August 21<sup>st</sup>. To maximize the match between mentee and mentor, the registration form asks you to indicate your interest and expertise in areas identified by mentee applicants. We plan to match mentors and mentees by late August.

Thank you for your time and support of this initiative. Please contact us if you have any questions ([AASWSWMentoring@exchange.asu.edu](mailto:AASWSWMentoring@exchange.asu.edu)).

Best Regards,

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