

PEER MENTORSHIP PROPOSAL

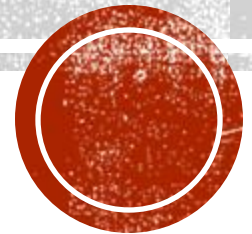
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PROPOSAL FOR PEER MENTORING

CHALLENGES

- Lack of connection to others in the program
- Higher rate of attrition
- Students may not understand benefits of this program as a protective factor



PROPOSAL FOR PEER MENTORING

ADVANTAGES

- Improved sense of connection
- Increased retention
- Adds a protective factor for those who use it



Are they using it?



WHAT WE PROPOSE...

Engage with new CES students through:

- 5 minutes
- Orientation class (COUC715)
- Deliver the following presentation



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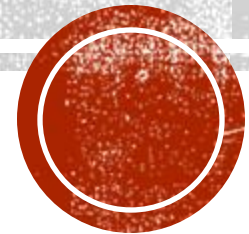
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YOU ARE A DOC STUDENT



NOW WHAT?





RESEARCH SHOWS:



- National attrition rates within US Doctoral Programs range within 50-70%
- Tendency of students to leave the PhD program before finishing the candidacy exam and the dissertation process
- Online students can feel a lack of connection (particularly vulnerable)
- Peer mentorship creates a sense of community

Nuwagaha, 2023

Geven et al., 2018; Ivankova & Stick, 2007



PURPOSE OF A MENTOR

- Provides
 - Guidance
 - Motivation
 - Emotional support



BENEFITS OF PEER MENTORSHIP INSTITUTION

- Retention



- Completion of degree

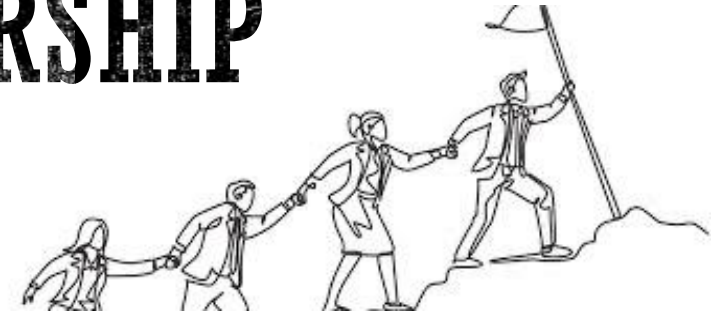


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BENEFITS OF PEER MENTORSHIP

MENTEE



- Increases wellness and self-care of students
- Builds connection
- Inspires motivation to continue
- Schedule at convenient times
- Mentors provide empathy and a safe place to discuss challenges and your journey in the program



SMALL TIME COMMITMENT...



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