

Mentoring Up Workshop

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As part of the Wisconsin MRSEC's Forward Fellows program, Education Directors Crone and Gillian-Daniel developed a workshop on Mentoring Up for the incoming graduate students. The workshop helps mentees define their goals for their mentoring relationships, recognize their roles and responsibilities in those relationships, develop strategies for effectively working with their mentors, and begin creating a network of mentors. 92% of the Forward Fellows said the workshop was "extremely or very useful" and one noted *"I now come to meetings well prepared with notes ... I feel like I have a better idea on how to most efficiently utilize 1:1 time with my PI..."*

Crone and Gillian-Daniel have adapted and disseminated the content to a variety of other audiences, including graduate students and postdocs at the MRSEC 2024 all-Center meeting, in the UW College of Engineering, and at the University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez, members of the American Vacuum Society at their annual meeting, and faculty at UW-Madison and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.



(top) The Forward Fellows during the lunchtime workshop; (bottom) Crone and Gillian-Daniel lead the Mentoring Up workshop with MRSEC graduate students and postdocs.

