Request for Proposals:  
Mentoring for Doctoral Student Success

The Graduate School is pleased to announce a request for proposals (RFP) to enhance faculty mentoring of doctoral students. The purpose of this RFP is to encourage evidence-based practices that can enhance the culture of graduate student mentoring to improve doctoral student success. Five awards of up to $5,000 each will be awarded for AY 2016-2017. Proposals are due March 10, 2017.

Eligibility:
- Departments with at least one doctoral program are eligible to apply for funds.
- Eligible expenses include mentoring workshops and conferences held at Wayne State University, invited speaker costs (including travel, hotel, and honoraria), and travel for faculty to attend mentoring workshops such as those provided by the National Research Mentoring Network: https://nrmnet.net, Center for Improvement of Mentored Experiences in Research: http://cimerproject.org/, or other mentoring programs.
- Part-time faculty and personnel salary costs are not permitted under this award.

Requirements:
Departments receiving this award will be required to submit a report by June 30, 2018 that includes the following information:
- Activities funded by the program,
- Budget expenditures, AND
- Mentoring materials and practices developed and utilized so that best practices can be disseminated to improve mentoring across the Wayne State University community.

Proposal Instructions:
Proposals should include the following elements:
- Cover letter or memo in support of the program, signed by the Department Chair.
- Proposal of no more than 5 pages that includes responses to the following items:
  - Describe the need for enhancing mentoring of doctoral students in your program.
  - What are the learning objectives of the mentoring program?
  - Describe the proposed mentoring program activities that will meet the need and the program objectives.
  - If not already addressed above:
    - How will faculty be involved in the program and what will be the incentive for them to participate?
    - How will the mentoring activities improve the success of doctoral students, including those who are underrepresented in the discipline?
- Itemized budget for the proposed program activities.

For more information about this program, please contact Dean Ambika Mathur: ambika.mathur@wayne.edu.