



# Professional Mentor Program

## Professional Mentor Responsibilities

Each Professional Mentor will be paired with a Community Scientist and are expected to check-in/meet quarterly through email or virtual meeting. These check-ins will be initiated by the Community Scientist and can include discussion on the following:

- Community Scientists' training progress and project updates.
- Feedback and perspectives from the Professional Mentor.
- Discussion on relevant hot topics in the field.
- Questions concerning their pathways.
- What kind of support they need, if any.

Upon completion of the quarterly check-in, the Community Scientist will complete a log that will be routed to their Professional Mentor to electronically acknowledge and optionally comment on.

## About the Community Scientist Mentor Program

This mentorship was established to provide our Community Scientists with professional perspectives and guidance on their selected projects. Because many of the Community Scientists will come from backgrounds unrelated to cancer research, our hope is that the pairing will provide an opportunity for interaction and learning for both parties.

## What is a Community Scientist?

Community Scientists are general community members who have been trained and equipped with the foundational knowledge regarding cancer research and clinical trials. Whether it's being part of a research team, community outreach events, or attending cancer conferences, Community Scientists will infuse the voice of their communities into cancer research, while raising awareness.