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AMPLify
Applicant Mentoring
Programme
Information Session
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AMPlify Programme and Eligibility

AMPlify is an applicant mentoring programme for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic applicants who wish to apply for the BBSRC DTP October 2025 entry

There are some eligibility criteria in order to apply:

- Identify as Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic
- Hold or expect to obtain a 2.1 degree in a relevant subject by Oct 2025
- Hold UK home fee status for 2025 entry



In addition, if demand outstrips places priority will be given to applicants who:

- Have ever been in local authority care
- Have ever been in receipt of free school meals
- First in family to attend higher education
- Completed/completing their undergraduate studies at a non-Russell Group university

Successful applicants will receive a package of support including:

- A pre-application discussion
- An opportunity to visit a lab (virtually or in person)
- An application writing support session
- An interview preparation support session
- A post-interview outcome reflection session





Suggested timeline for mentoring activities

Month	Activity
January 2025	Pre application discussion Recruitment launches
January 2025	Visit to a lab
2 nd of Jan- 31 st of Jan 2025	Application support sessions Application deadline: 31.01.25
January - March 2025	Interview Support Sessions Interviews scheduled for early March 25
April 2025	Post interview reflection session



Schedule

- This programme is limited in time. We recommend that the pre application discussion would be best carried out over Teams (audio/video) as soon as possible
- You can then agree on the best way to meet for the other sessions depending on circumstances. It may be useful to book the remaining application related session(s) in advance.
- If you arrange a face-to-face lab visit, this can be a good way to meet your mentor in person but due to time and distance meeting virtually may be more realistic.





Mentoring Matching and Support

I will be available to provide support for mentors and mentees if required, and be your first point of contact for any queries or concerns

I will match mentoring partnerships and check in with both parties to see how things are going as you progress through your mentoring sessions

You can contact me at:

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How can a Mentor help?

A mentor can provide feedback, advice, guidance and support. They can draw on their own experiences and can listen, provide information and build confidence.

Focus on:

The individual

Sharing experiences

Developing understanding

The present and future- support planning activities

Help problem solve

Answer questions





Limitations of Mentoring

- A counsellor – trained to diagnose and support with emotional problems, the past, dysfunction
- A consultant – technical expert, called on to understand a problem and suggest solutions
- A coach – subject matter expert on coaching, not necessarily of the coaching topic, future-oriented





- What level of confidentiality is appropriate within your mentoring relationship?
 - What kinds of things should you break confidentiality for?

Anything which gives rise to concern that someone may hurt themselves or others should not be held in confidence.





A discussion around expectations at the start of the mentoring can be useful:

- What are you expecting to get out of the mentoring?
- How might expectations differ or clash?
- Think about – availability, communication and communication styles, expected response times, other commitments, relationship building etc





Boundaries and expectations

- Be mindful about what Mentors role is and isn't – tips, hints, feedback and guidance
- Recruitment is competitive and we always have more applicants than places
- Due to the time restrictions -try to be flexible as possible about when and how you meet
- Only share information that you feel comfortable with
- Speak to us if you have any concerns or questions





- If you meet the eligibility criteria and have not already done so please complete the AMPlify application form by the 16th of January.
- Once I have received your application I will match programme applicants with mentors
- I will email the mentor with your contact details, and they will contact you directly to arrange a pre application discussion meeting and schedule any further sessions
- It is recommended to do some preparation for your first session. Think about the specific support you may benefit from and how the mentor could best help you so you can discuss this with them in more detail (make some notes)



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Any questions ?



Many thanks for attending today!