

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: 2018 SSRL SIG Graduate Student Mentoring Program

Extended Deadline: February 17, 2018

We are planning for our fifth annual Graduate Student Mentoring Program (GSMP) for the Studying and Self-Regulated Learning Special Interest Group of AERA. As part of this initiative, graduate students will have opportunities to receive mentoring from scholars who share similar research interests.

The program will be held concurrently with the 2018 Annual Meeting of AREA in New York City. The GSMP committee currently consists of Timothy J. Cleary (timothy.cleary@rutgers.edu), Chair, Roger Azevedo (razeved@ncsu.edu), and Amy Dent (amy.dent2013@gmail.com).

What are the primary objectives of the GSMP?

- To support the development of a vibrant and supportive community of SRL scholars
- To provide graduate students with opportunities to receive mentoring and advice from established scholars in the field
- To provide professional networking opportunities for graduate students within the SSRL SIG community

Who is eligible to apply for GSMP?

All graduate students who are members of both AERA and the SSRL SIG are encouraged to apply for this mentoring program. The GSMP committee welcomes applications from all SSRL SIG graduate students, regardless of whether you are junior (1st or 2nd year) or more senior (3rd year and beyond) and whether you have started your dissertation. Please note that even if you participated in other AREA mentoring programs in the past or as part of the 2018 conference (e.g., Division C, Motivation SIG), you are still eligible to participate in the SSRL SIG mentoring program.

What is required for my application?

Interested participants should include the following information in their application:

- A two-page (double-spaced) narrative statement that describes your primary area(s) of research interest, emerging program of research, and emerging identity as a scholar. In addition to a criterion for evaluating applications, this “research statement” will be a valuable professional exercise that can focus on your previous, current, planned, and/or aspirational work as appropriate for your current stage of graduate studies.
- A list of a few SRL researchers (outside of your doctoral program) from whom you would like to receive mentoring through the GSMP. Ideally, their work inspires or interests you and/or is currently influencing your own research.
- A CV that includes your name, address, institution, telephone, e-mail, educational background, awards, professional publications and presentations, teaching experience, and service activities.
- Optional for more advanced doctoral students (those who are currently in their 3rd year or beyond): a brief statement indicating your willingness to serve as peer mentor to a junior doctoral student.

What is the timeline of the application submission and selection process?

Application materials are due on **February 17, 2018** and should be sent to Timothy Cleary at timothy.cleary@gsapp.rutgers.edu. The GSMP committee will review applications and will notify applicants regarding their acceptance into the mentoring program. It is the goal of the committee to enable as many applicants as possible to participate in the program, but there are space limitations. The committee will use the narrative statement as the key determinant of accepting an application. Applicants will be notified by early **March** regarding acceptance, and if accepted, with their designated mentor. Identification of mentors, directions for communication with them, requirements of participation, and other important details will be shared in the acceptance letter. Upon being accepted into the mentoring program, applicants will share their narrative statement and CV with their mentors.

What opportunities and experiences will I receive as part of the GSMP?

Applicants will have, at minimum, the opportunity to:

- Connect by email with faculty mentor before the Annual Meeting
- Meet individually with faculty mentor on at least one occasion during the Annual Meeting
- Attend the GSMP-sponsored lunch/dinner during the Annual Meeting with the full cohort of participants
- Attend the SSRL SIG dinner during the Annual Meeting with their mentors
- Participate in a peer mentoring component (**dependent on availability of peer mentors)
- Volunteer to participate in a post mentoring video interview that will appear on our SIG website and Facebook page