

Family of Mentors Program Overview

2024-2025 Academic Year



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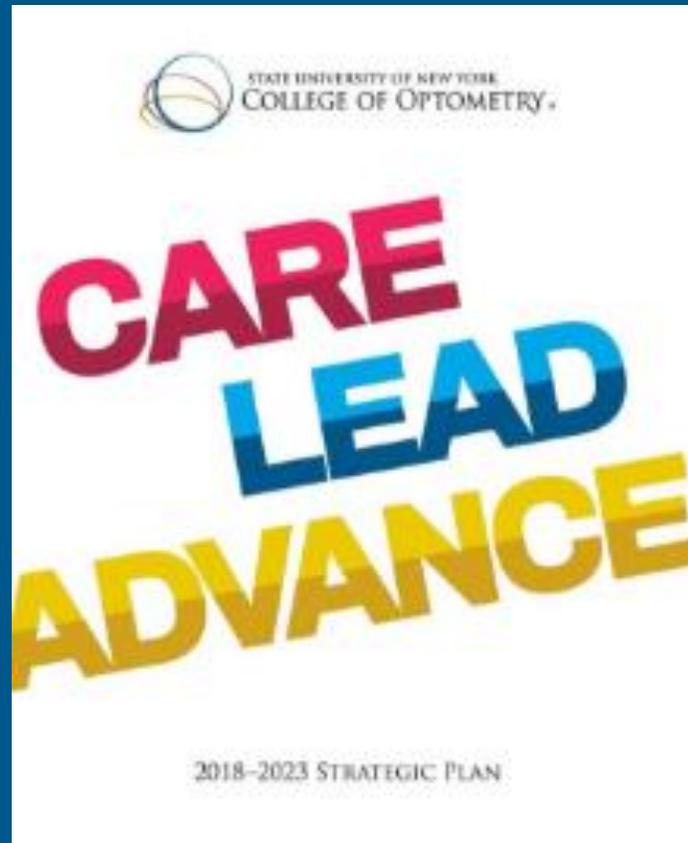
CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

What Is Our Family of Mentors Program About?

- Online (and in-person) program developed to:
 - Match OD student with an OD of choice, utilizing the vast network of alums in our SUNY Eye Network
 - Enhance students' personal, academic and career development
 - Expand professional networks for students and mentors



This Comes Directly From Our Strategic Plan



- Goal 1: Enhance the student experience through programs that promote student and alumni success
 - Develop meaningful connections between students and alumni that support career development, placement, networking and continuing education

Program Goals

- Enhance students' academic and career development, and overall satisfaction a SUNY
- Help students think about and refine career goals earlier
- Provide students an opportunity to learn how to develop at professional network
- Establish strong relationships between students and mentors that last beyond SUNY
- Provide a meaningful avenue for alumni, professional organizations and partners to stay connected with the College



Program Expectations For Mentors

- Go over this overview of the program
- Monthly or bi-monthly communication with your mentee
 - IE text or email
- Quarterly meetings with your mentees
 - In person or virtual
 - We recommend in-person if you are in the NYC area
 - Mentees are given up to a **\$50 reimbursement total/year** to encourage in person meet ups
- Mentorships should be expected to run the whole academic year until May 2025
 - The mentor/mentee match is evaluated each year
 - If both parties agree at the end of 3rd year, the match can be extended another year



Contact Us If You Have Questions!

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- Mentoring resources for mentors and mentees will be housed at:
 - www.sunyopt.edu/mentoring