



"The chance to make a difference in a young person's life and help guide their career path was my main motivation for becoming a mentor." - Expo Mentor

Why Become Involved?

Company Benefits

- Gain recognition in the community for your dedication to science education
- Build a strong future workforce by encouraging young people to pursue science careers
- Recruit great employees who share your commitment to education outreach

Mentor Benefits

- Enjoy the satisfaction of being involved in your community by supporting local teachers and schools
- Know that you have made a difference in the life of a young person.

"This was a great opportunity to impress upon the next generation of scientist the importance of re-search and discovery." - Expo Mentor

"The Student Bio Expo was one of the best experiences I've had in high school. The ability to meet with a scientific professional and collaborate and experience what current research is like was very inspiring." - Expo Student Participant

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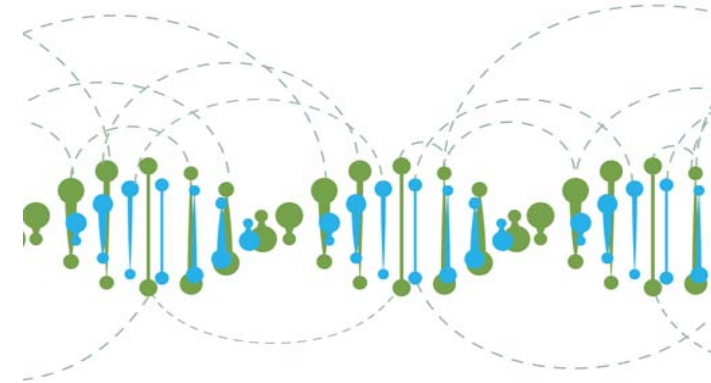
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Expo Mentors



Community



Our Mentor Program

Students who enter the Bio Expo have the option of requesting a mentor from the science community. Mentors help students find resources, review student work, and provide feedback. Mentors need not have PhDs, though it is best if their work relates to scientific research, biotechnology or biomedicine, or one of the student project categories such as art, performance, web design or writing. Our best mentors are creative, resourceful people with an interest in science and in working with young people.

How Much Time is Involved?

Volunteers can choose from one of the following:

- **Mentor Level 1**–Meet in person or speak on the phone at least once during the year. Review the student’s project outline and rough draft.
- **Mentor Level 2**- Includes the same requirements as above with more in-depth communication such as a site visit, job shadow or more.
- **Focus Program** - For students who need additional support; volunteers visit students (at the school) a minimum of 5 (five) one hour visits.

Student Expo Program Summary

In the award-winning Student BioExpo program, over 300 high school students from the Seattle area are paired with scientist advisors to create projects in biotechnology and biomedicine.

While projects must address biological themes, they can be entered in categories as diverse as music drama, molecular modeling and creative writing. The research category showcases the work of future scientists and encourages science careers.

Participants make connections with the scientific community and have the opportunity to realize how research connects to their own lives and interests. Last year, 2/3 of surveyed Expo participants indicated they were more likely to see the connection between science and their own interests as a result of participating in the Expo.

“I wanted to do research that would make a difference in peoples’ lives. The Expo assigned me with an advisor that allowed me to help in a research project to help find a vaccine for a disease. What a meaningful experience!”
- Expo Student Participant

How Can My Company Support the Expo?

- **Become an Expo sponsor**
Sponsors receive company recognition on our website, brochures, t-shirts, and other promotional materials.
- **Provide Mentors and Judges**
Encourage graduate students, post-doctoral students, researchers, and employees to be advisors or judges.

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