



**NASIG STUDENT MENTORING PROGRAM**  
**2023 APPLICATION FOR MENTORS**

Due June 30, 2023

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Years of related experience: 10

Are you a member of NASIG?

Yes

No

The NASIG Student Mentoring Program requires a one year commitment of participation from mentors. This year's program will run from August 2023 to May 2024. Will you be able to commit to this timeframe?

Yes

No

Why do you wish to serve as a mentor?

When I started in my first professional librarian position in 2018 I had an official mentor within my library system and I found her to be one of the most valuable resources as I learned how to navigate not only a new library (including its procedures and culture) but also a whole new aspect of my budding career.

I want to be the kind of resource I had to other librarians and library paraprofessionals. In the five years I've been a librarian I've had leadership opportunities where I have been able to serve as an effective advocate for improvements for my colleagues, and learning how to navigate that has largely been because of other informal mentors I've had.

I very much support both formal and informal mentorship and much of my fulfillment as a librarian has come from helping my colleagues as much as my patrons.

Areas of Expertise (Check all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cataloging/Metadata                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarly Communication             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Services                | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resource Sharing                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronic Resources     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Linked Data & Usability                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access & Discoverability |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collection Development/Assessment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Serials Management       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation/Digital Preservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Access                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industry Standards                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Licensing                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library Web Site Development                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility/Diversity Initiatives |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Usage Statistics                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional Repositories          |

Please list any other relevant areas of expertise that are not mentioned above.

Faculty leadership; I have been my department's faculty chair, which is a liaison between my department's library faculty and our administrator, the Department Chair. I have also chaired several of my libraries' committees, ranging from search committees to faculty professional development.

Would you be able to mentor on research and publication?

Yes  No

Would you be willing to mentor on the school to work transition?

Yes  No

Is there any other information that you would like to add to this application?

I have only published one article, but have presented several times at my regional conferences. I think I would be helpful more towards the difficulty we face in Technical Services regarding research for articles.

The NASIG Student Mentoring Program plans to match one mentee with one mentor. However, if there is an excess number of mentee applicants, would you be willing to work with two mentees?

Yes  No

**Please email your completed application by June 30, 2023 to [mentoring@nasig.org](mailto:mentoring@nasig.org)**

By submitting this form you acknowledge that you will actively participate in the program, will strive to be respectful and constructive in all communication. The Mentoring and Student Outreach Committee will be contacted if issues/concerns arise that the mentor or mentee are not able to resolve on their own. All discussions and information will be kept confidential unless otherwise specified by the both the mentor and mentee.