

# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

## 2020 AERA Studying and Self-Regulated Learning SIG

### Graduate Student Mentoring Program

**APPLICATIONS DUE: FEBRUARY 16, 2020**

The leadership of the AERA special interest group for Studying and Self-Regulated Learning Special Interest Group is pleased to announce the opportunity to participate in the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Mentoring Program (GSMP), to enhance the value of students' participation in the 2020 Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association in San Francisco, California, April 17-21, 2020.

More information about the SSRL SIG can be found at <https://ssrlsig.org/>

#### **What are the primary objectives of the GSMP?**

- 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 SRL community
- To support the development of a vibrant and supportive community of SRL scholars

#### **What opportunities are provided to participants?**

The mentoring program will kick off on the first day of the conference, and will include:

- an opportunity to develop an ongoing relationship – even before the Annual Meeting – with a senior member of the SRL research community, who will serve as a primary mentor
- informal opportunities to meet peers, aspirational peers, and senior mentors at social events
- a formal opportunity to develop an academic relationship with a senior scholar in SRL
- invitations to multiple organized SSRL SIG gatherings (mentor lunch, SIG dinner)
- a gamified conference experience to deepen your engagement in the Annual Meeting, and surface some of the hidden curriculum of graduate education.
- a formal gathering with other graduate students and their mentors to discuss topics related to scholarly research and academic life
- scaffolding to help you maintain and deepen your scholarly network after the annual meeting
- invitations to take on formal academic service roles that can build our community and help you develop professionally

#### **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 (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year) or more senior (3<sup>rd</sup> year and beyond) and whether you have started your dissertation. Please note that even if you participated in the SSRL mentoring program in previous years or are planning to participate in other AERA mentoring programs during the 2020 conference (e.g., Division C, Motivation SIG), you are eligible to participate in the SSRL program. Although the review committee would like to accept all applications, space could be limited. Selection of graduate students will be based on a review of required materials (CV, research statement). Preference will be given to students who have yet to participate in a GSMP. However, all students (regardless of their previous participation) are encouraged to apply.

### **What is required for my application?**

Interested participants should include the following information in their application:

1. A 500-word narrative statement that describes (a) your primary area(s) of research interest, (b) your emerging program of research, and (c) your emerging identity as a scholar.  
[In addition to serving as a criterion for evaluating applications, drafting this “research statement” will be a valuable professional exercise that can focus you on your previous, current, planned, and/or aspirational work as appropriate for your current stage of graduate studies.]
2. A list of a 3-5 SRL researchers who you wish to meet and learn from (and with whom you do not yet have a relationship). Good candidates are those whose theories, methods, and recent scholarship inspires or interests you and/or influences your own research.
3. A CV that includes your name, address, institution, telephone, e-mail, educational background, awards, professional publications and presentations, teaching experience, and service activities.
  - ✦ If you have participated in a prior SSRL mentoring program, please provide an explanation regarding why you wish to participate again and the benefits of doing so.
  - ✦ Optional for more advanced doctoral students (those who are currently in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year or beyond): a brief statement indicating your willingness to serve as peer mentor to a more junior student participant.

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

Applications are **due by February 16, 2020** via email to Matt Bernacki at [mlb@unc.edu](mailto:mlb@unc.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.