



NARST- Early Career Scholar Institute – (NARST-ECSI) 2023 **CALL FOR MENTORS**

"Building a Strong Foundation for the Future"

The inaugural NARST: Early Career Scholars Institute (ECSI) will commence from May to August 2024. This Institute is focused on ensuring our early career scholars are connected to our community and supported in their future professional work.

We are looking for up to eight mentors to guide the selected scholars during the Institute which includes online meetings and potential face-to-face meetings at NARST 2024 and NARST 2025.

This Institute's goals are:

- Engage a diverse group of new science education scholars in a supportive environment that guides their development as science education professionals.
- Assist scholars in developing a research trajectory and explore different venues to disseminate their work.
- Support new scholars in understanding the science education research community and their important position in this community.
- Cultivate a network of emerging scholars.
- Help scholars develop a proposal/session to present at NARST 2025.

The Institute will span March 2024 - August 2024 and consist of:

- Potential meeting for those attending NARST 2024, Denver, Colorado.
- 31 hours of online programming consisting of: Opening and Closing sessions, Critical Research Groups, Mentor Talks, Workshops (e.g., writing for publication, CV building), and Coffee Breaks (short social opportunities to meet other scholars). May-August, 2024.
- Optional meeting for those attending NARST 2025, TBD.

As a mentor, your responsibilities include:

- Attend planning and mentor check-in meetings.
- Collaborate with a co-mentor in facilitating the work of your group.
- Guide scholars individually or in small/large online groups.
- Lead five two-hour sessions with your group of six scholars (scheduling required).
- Support scholars in their submission of NARST proposals.
- Provide formative and summative feedback about the structure and function of the Institute.
- You may be asked to give a talk on a specific topic identified by the scholars.

To apply, please fill out the application form that requires your current employment, a one-page discussion about your research, a one-page overview of your work as a mentor or with new scholars, and an abbreviated five-page CV. Applications are due by midnight on January 15, 2024 (your time). The application link is here: [link](#)

Mentors will be selected based on their area of expertise, their experience in and approach to working with early career scholars, and the manner in which they complement the other mentors and scholars with respect to methodological, conceptual, geographical/institutional, and racial/ethnic diversity. Selected mentors will receive a small stipend to cover some expenses.

Please contact Julie A. Luft (jaluft@uga.edu), Angie Calabrese Barton (<mailto:angiecb@umich.edu>) or Ella Yonai (Ella.Yonai@uga.edu) if you have questions.

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