



## NSHE Mentoring Institute 2025 (MI2025): Creating a Culture of Support for Research & Learning Through Mentorship, Collaboration, and Effective Communities of Practice

### **AGENDA- October 8-9, 2025**

Alexis Park Resorts & Conference Center, Las Vegas  
375 E. Harmon Avenue  
Las Vegas, NV 89169

The goal of this year's NSHE Mentoring Institute (MI2025) is to create a dynamic forum for NSHE research faculty, graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, and administrators. The event will foster collaboration, strengthen professional networks, and build capacity in STEM education, research, and workforce development. Facilitated by content experts and the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR), MI2025 will highlight the talent and success of NSHE programs, address challenges related to broadening participation, and offer targeted professional development focused on effective STEM mentorship and research advancement.

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025 – APOLLO CONFERENCE RM 1**

8:15 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast/Check in
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Welcome and Introductions: Building Networks and Collaborations to Support Broaden Participation in STEM Academia and Workforce – Introductions & Overview, <i>Michele Casella, NSHE Sponsored Programs &amp; NSF EPSCoR</i>
9:30 am – 10:15 am	Speed Networking Event – Getting to know About NSHE Programs – CUR
10:15 am – 10:50 am	Values, Challenges and Opportunities for Research Experiences and Mentorship in Nevada, <i>Joyce Fernandes &amp; Lance Barton, Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR)</i>
10:50 am – 11:00 am	Break
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	PANEL – Programs, Practices and Partnerships that Promote Mentorship, Cultures of Support and Research Integration in NSHE
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch (Apollo 3-4)
1:00 pm – 2:45 pm	Breakout/Track Sessions – TBD, Facilitated by CUR
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 pm – 4:45 pm	Breakout/Track Sessions Part 2
4:45 pm – 5:00 pm	Reflection and Looking Forward

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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025 – APOLLO CONFERENCE RM 1**

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast – Apollo 3
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Recap of Day 1 PM Sessions – Assessing common themes and determining working groups & Desired Goals - Short/Mid/Long-term (determine subgroups), Facilitated by CUR
9:30 am – 9:45 am	Break
9:45 am – 11:15 am	Establishing blueprints to achieve goals to advance communities of practice for broadening participation through mentorship, collaboration and cultures of support
11:15 am – 11:45 am	Setting the Stage for MI2026 – What to do to get to where we want to be
11:45 am – Noon	Closing - Wrap Up and Evaluation – Boxed lunches to go