



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

A dynamic forum for NSHE research faculty, graduate students, postdocs, and administrators to strengthen collaboration, mentorship, and STEM capacity. Featuring expert-led sessions and CUR facilitation, MI2025 will spotlight NSHE program success, address participation challenges, and offer targeted professional development in mentorship and research advancement.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025 – APOLLO CONFERENCE RM 1

8:15 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast/Check in
9:00 am – 9:15 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 & NSF EPSCoR</i>
9:15 am – 10:00 am	Values, Challenges and Opportunities for Research Experiences and Mentorship in Nevada, <i>Joyce Fernandes & Lance Barton, Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR)</i>
10:00 am – 10:50 am	PANEL – Programs, Practices and Partnerships that Promote Mentorship, Cultures of Support and Research Integration in NSHE
10:50 am – 11:00 am	Break
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Speed Networking – Getting to know About NSHE Programs
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch (Apollo 3-4)
1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	Characteristics of Excellence in Undergraduate Research (COEUR) - A Roadmap: Building Excellence in Undergraduate Research
1:45 pm – 3:00 pm	From Guidance to Growth: Defining Tiered Mentorship and Mapping Needs and Assets
3:00 – 3:15 pm	Break
3:15 pm – 4:30 pm	Mentorship at the Margins: Building Projects Where Inclusion and Collaboration Meet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concurrent Breakout: Tiered Mentorship Knowledge and Aspirations, <i>Meghan Collins, DRI</i>
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Reflection and Looking Forward



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025 –APOLLO CONFERENCE RM 1

8:00 am – 8:30 AM	Breakfast – Apollo 3
8:30 am – 8:50 am	COEUR Debrief & Launchpad: Mapping the Mentoring Path to MI2026
8:50 am – 9:30 am	Achieving Excellence in Research Mentorship with Collaboration & Inclusive Culture
9:30 am – 10:00 am	Aligning Resources to Vision: Leveraging Resources to Achieve Undergraduate Research Mentorship with Collaboration & Inclusive Culture Excellence
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Break
10:15 am – 11:15 am	Blueprints & Timeline for Impact: Advancing Communities of Practice through Mentorship with Collaboration & Inclusive Culture
11:15 am – 11:45 am	Vision to Reality: Preparing for a Transformative Mentoring Institute 2026 – Establishing 1 Year Outcomes
11:45 am – 12:00 pm	The Final Bite: Reflections, Evaluations, and Continued Dialogue