

Butler Center Mentoring Programs Testimonials

"I appreciate having connections across campus and have been invited into collaborative spaces I would not have otherwise."

"My mentors genuinely care about me and provide invaluable support and guidance, so I have complete trust in them."

"It [this mentoring program] has allowed me to pay it forward and help younger women who may not have the support they need within their department or current position."

"The safe, supportive environment of the Mentoring Triads program has been invaluable for my professional growth. It's rare to find someone I can speak to openly about the challenges of faculty life, and this program provides exactly that. In these Mentoring Triads conversations, I consistently receive unconditional support and invaluable advice, which is helpful both professionally and personally."

"[This mentoring program] Helps me communicate my work and its value to people outside of my field. Eases [the] stress of tenure process by talking about it with someone who 'has been there'."

"As new faculty at Purdue, it's been beneficial building a broad support system and having people to turn to about different issues."

"It [this mentoring program] is really opening my eyes for all the possibilities that are presented by Purdue for faculty, as well, to understand more my position as a faculty. I feel very inspired and excited by the prospects that can come from that."

"Having the chance to serve as a more formal mentor to other faculty has allowed me to develop as a mentor and learn more about supporting faculty vs. the type of mentorship we typically provide to students. It has also helped network with new people across campus, which has been extremely helpful. Finally, it has allowed me to advertise the mentoring program as a resource to faculty across campus."

"I loved my mentors!! They were very helpful since the beginning. For sure I will [continue] reach[ing] out to them in the future."

"The Mentoring Triad was a welcomed and positive experience. Engaging with faculty from other colleges/programs across Purdue who could provide help/support or be a listening ear was invaluable."

"Thank you very much for having me in the Mentoring Triads program. It has been a truly rewarding experience for me. I greatly benefited from the program and the supportive environment from all my mentors. [My mentor's] guidance has been incredibly helpful, particularly in navigating early faculty responsibilities, research planning, and work-life balance. The regular check-ins and honest conversations between me and my mentors provided lots of helpful, important and actionable advice that I found deeply valuable."

"I really enjoyed the mentoring program. It is very insightful to have mentors who have gone through tenure-track and can advise on the process and also other Purdue-specific professor things. My mentors have been very supportive this year and I am very grateful for their mentorship."