

Butler Center Mentoring Programs Testimonials

"Thank you for creating the Mentoring Pods. I thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Mentoring Triad last year, and the Mentoring Pod this year. Our pod has regularly met every month, and I found it very helpful to talk through things with colleagues in the pod as I navigated a tricky situation.. It was so nice to have outside perspectives."

"The mentoring pod experience has been most beneficial for me to connect with professionals outside of my department. I think the pairing of my pod members is a great fit on many levels such as all clinical professors, some with staff percentage/ appointments."

"I appreciate the focused time with other professors of practice in our variety of roles on campus. I like how there is a good amount of diversity in the group."

"I've enjoyed being in a mentoring pod, specifically connections with other women from different departments and colleges. It's been nice to meet with colleagues outside of my department. In a way, it's comforting to know that some of the challenges I'm facing are not unique to me or my department."

"We've had some really nice meetings and conversations in our pod. I enjoyed connecting with people from other parts of campus and other disciplines. I think what I am getting out of it is a better understanding of how the university functions at different levels and different departments, and a wider network of colleagues across campus. And some nice social interactions, which are important for my mental wellbeing."

"The mentoring pod meetings have been so valuable. I love how we could meet together and discuss our successes and failures. I also love how I can connect with people outside of my own program area. It's a breath of fresh air!"

"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.”