



Charles Sturt
University

REACH P2P

Graduate Research Mentoring Program

Information Sheet

2022 Session One



Mentoring is to support and encourage individuals to manage their own learning in order that they may maximise their potential, develop their skills, improve their performance, and become the person they want to be.

About REACH P2P

The Charles Sturt University REACH Peer-2-Peer (P2P) Graduate Research mentoring program is designed to improve the overall student experience, promote a feeling of belonging, and to create opportunities for engagement with your fellow students.

The REACH P2P program aims to:

- enhance the research quality, capability, and experience of all Graduate Research candidates by facilitating the flow of information;
- where appropriate provide advice to meet the administrative, wellbeing and support needs of Graduate Research candidates; and,
- support the development of social and professional networks by promoting and enabling opportunities for engagement.

What is the role of a REACH P2P Mentor?

As a REACH P2P Mentor, you will typically be a Graduate Research candidate in the 2nd or 3rd year (FTE) of your program, or perhaps even close to or recently completed. The knowledge and experience you have gained is of great value and will help to smooth the path for those you mentor. As a Mentor your primary role will be to connect with your Mentee to help them to find their way and to normalise the experiences and challenges of the Graduate Research journey. Think about all of the things you wished someone had told you when you were starting out! It is not intended that Mentors provide specific academic or research guidance or advice. That is the role of the supervisory team and other academic and professional staff at the university.

The mentorship will be for a period of 6 months and is entirely voluntary. During this time, you would be expected to commit to meet fortnightly for 1 hour to guide and support your Mentee in accordance with your agreed goals and within the guidelines outlined in the program.

Who can apply to become a REACH P2P Mentor?

Any Graduate Research candidate who has completed their probation requirements and had their candidature confirmed can apply to become a REACH P2P Mentor. The number of Mentors needed for the initial pilot will depend on the number of Mentees registering for the program. If we are not able to match you in this first intake we would endeavour to do so in a future intake.

How will being a REACH P2P Mentor benefit me?

Mentoring is a rewarding two-way process and the transferable skills and experiences you will gain from mentoring will help develop confidence needed for your own research and working career. The ability to build interpersonal relationships, communication and leadership skills and community networks are key to any successful research career.

What is the Mentoring Commitment?

Expression of Interest	Opens 7 February 2022 Submit your EOI online by 18 March
Attend Orientation and Welcome	To participate in the program, you will be required to undertake an initial online Orientation and Welcome session on 8 April 2022 (2 hours).
Mentoring	Commencing 18 April. The minimum ongoing time commitment is recommended to be 1-hour per fortnight for a period of 6 months. (approximately 12 hours total)
Attend Mentoring Masterclass	23-27 May (Date and time TBA) online (1.5 hours)
Respond to Mid-point Review	4-8 July (20 minutes)
Attend Program wrap-up event:	30 September (1.5 hours)
Respond to Final Survey	3-7 October (20 minutes)

How do I become a REACH P2P Mentor?

To apply to become a REACH P2P Mentor please complete the [Expression of Interest form HERE](#) by Friday 18 March 2022

If you are unable to commit to participating in this first session in 2022 but would be interested in participating in the future, please complete the EOI and let us know your availability.

Further Information

For questions, help and support or if any problems arise in your mentoring relationship, please contact Jennifer at jpodesta@csu.edu.au.

