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Scalable Success: Use of Near-Peer Mentors to Promote STEM Student Academic Performance



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A roundtable discussion with Drs. Gonzalez and Wilton will take place immediately after the seminar.

Abstract:

Mentorship is an effective strategy to promote postsecondary STEM student academic success and retention. However, as undergraduate STEM enrollment continues to increase, faculty-student mentorship at large, public universities is not a scalable approach. Here we describe the positive impacts of near-peer mentorship approaches which leverage upper-division biology students to provide support to first- and second-year majors at the University of California.

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