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## Enhancing Scientist Diversity in Plant Biology Luncheon

### Mentorship in Scientific Training: A Panel Discussion Spanning a Diversity of Backgrounds

A Panel Discussion featuring:



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Mentorship is an important component of scientific training, and it serves a crucial role from undergraduates to graduates to faculty members. Good mentors can provide helpful guidance on many different aspects of professional and personal life, but unfortunately sometimes mentoring does not result in the best outcomes. In order to promote discussion on effectively mentoring students, the Diversity Luncheon will host a panel discussion, of students, post-doctoral researchers, and faculty at different stages of their academic careers and from a variety of backgrounds, to examine multiple components of mentorship, including the influence of mentoring at the various career stages, why one seeks or does not seek mentoring, improving mentoring, and questions that mentors and mentees should address. While the panel will introduce the topics and discuss their experiences related to mentorship, attendees will have the opportunity to share their experiences with mentorship and ask questions of the panelists (and others). The luncheon will help to encourage discussion on mentorship at all career stages, across diverse backgrounds, and among people from different institutions.