Mentor Program

Connecting Students and Faculty

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Mentors will strive to maintain a flexible, on-going, individualized, professional relationship with each participating student. Students will have the chance to learn, first-hand, about the work of a plant breeder. Mentors promise an ‘open-door’ policy and will work with each student to set up times when meetings can be scheduled. Students may also learn about plant breeding work opportunities in the public and private sectors.

You and your mentor have the opportunity to meet regularly. During meetings, you may learn about job opportunities in plant breeding, both on and off campus. You may have a chance to become involved in research conducted in university labs and farms. Your mentor may offer suggestions about particular classes that will enhance your studies and will keep you informed about conferences, seminars, and lectures that will expand your knowledge.

Students are invited to events sponsored by the Mentor Program. At least twice each academic year, students and mentors get together for social and educational events. You will have a chance to meet and talk with faculty involved in plant breeding and biotechnology research. You will also have the opportunity to connect with other students who are interested in this field.

The Mentor Program for undergraduate students interested in plant breeding and biotechnology connects you with faculty involved in plant breeding research. The program will introduce you to people, programs, and practices in plant breeding and biotechnology.

To sign up, contact your advisor. You are encouraged to participate in more than one plant breeding mentor experience during your time at Iowa State University. For more information, visit the Plant Breeding Web site at www.plantbreeding.iastate.edu/mentor.html