

MENTORSHIP GUIDE





Dear Mentors,

Thank you for volunteering your time and effort to guide and support the competing teams in this inaugural competition, **Brilliant Blue**.

We hope that you will find this experience invaluable just as the teams will. We have no doubt that by sharing your expertise, experience, and passion, you will inspire young minds to contribute to the health and wealth of our ocean. We greatly appreciate your participation in our program and are looking forward to working with you.





WHAT WILL BE YOUR ROLE?

As a mentor, your role will be to provide technical support, guidance, and advice for the competing team members during three 30-minute sessions that they will schedule based on your availability. All sessions will be virtual. The total time allocated is 90 minutes of mentorship, per team. You may mentor as many teams as you like, with each team's interaction being held in confidence. Much like a consultant and as you know, you will not share one team's project plans with another team, as that could create an unfair advantage between teams.

We understand that you might want to remain in contact with a team(s) beyond the competition and we are totally fine with that. In fact, we hope that you will realize how "Brilliant Blue " is much more than just a competition but rather a launch pad for next-generation talent and innovation.



HOW WILL IT WORK?

Choose one of the following theme(s) on which you wish to mentor and support:

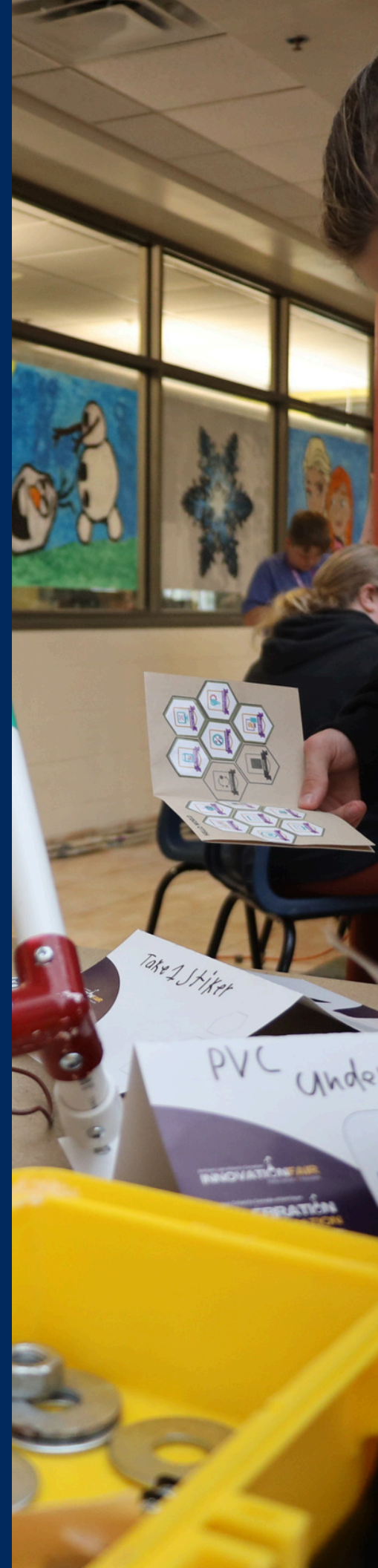
- Marine Renewable Energy
- Marine Autonomous System
- Healthy Marine Life.

Write a short bio about yourself. The bio should include an overview of your educational and professional background as well as links to any papers or research that you may have been a part of. You can always share your resume if you would like to do so. We also require that you display a picture on your profile.

Once your profile is complete, create your schedule by selecting the dates and times on which you can provide technical support (until Dec 7th).

Wait for teams to contact you and start mentoring them. It is as easy as that.

Upon signing up, you can immediately suggest links to resources and papers that you believe will benefit the participating teams. Brilliant Labs will review these resources and list them on the competition's resources hub. You are encouraged to continue contributing to this hub.

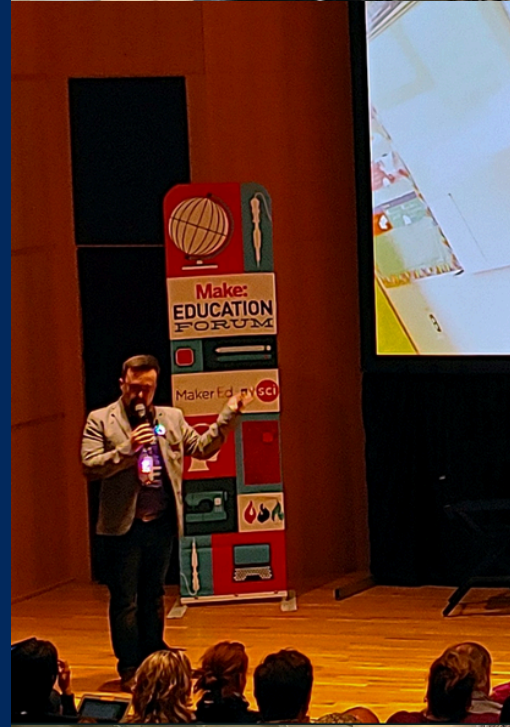


GENERAL GUIDELINES

To ensure fair and equitable competition, all mentors must abide by the following guidelines:

1. No team should be allocated more than 90 minutes of support in total. As such, make sure you are consistent in keeping track of the time you are spending with each team.
2. Notify teams in advance about the amount of time they have left so that they plan their meetings thoroughly. Mentoring on time/project management is encouraged.
3. When it comes to contact information, we recommend using professional email addresses or work phone numbers.
4. Any meeting with the students should be done in coordination with and under the direct supervision of the team's adult advisor(s).
5. There are no restrictions on the type of support you can provide. However, at no given time you are to provide the teams with financial support or get personally involved in the development of the project. As such, refrain from testing the project yourself and focus on guiding and providing feedback and advice. If you wish to further your collaboration/mentoring of the team beyond the competition period, please reach out to us.

Here's how you take the next step on what shall be an amazing adventure: [Mentor Sign-up Typeform](#)



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