2027 Mentor-Connect Mentorship Application: Part 1 of 2

Application Deadline: Friday, November 6, 2026
Notification of Selection: Friday, November 20, 2026

Thoroughly review “Prepare to Apply” before beginning.
Responses to all questions are required.

APPLICATION CANNOT BE SAVED and thus must be completed once started. Use the Google Forms PDF as a preparation guide.

Mentor-Connect strives to assess the completeness and strengths of each application. A scoring rubric is used to assess each application. Everyone who applies will be offered Mentor-Connect services, although not all may be accepted into the current-year cohort. Applicant considerations include but are not limited to relevance of discipline focus to STEM technician workforce preparation, responsiveness to industry workforce needs, and clarity of the project idea.

* Indicates required question

1. Email *

2. Contact Name with title/position *

3. College Name *

4. College Address (Please provide your street address, city, state, and zip code.) Enter ENTIRE address *

Institution information

Please complete all questions

5. Describe the applicant institution * Dropdown

Mark only one oval.

- Primary or only campus for the institution
- A branch campus of a larger institution with its own chief academic officer
- A branch campus of an institution that does not have its own chief academic officer

6. Please indicate which of the following apply to your faculty team/college: ***NOTE:*** *Either one of these situations creates "institutional eligibility" for Mentor-Connect Mentoring for ATE grant proposal development* Dropdown

Mark only one oval.

- Our college has never had ATE funding
- The STEM faculty included in this application have not previously been a PI or Co-PI on an ATE grant awarded to the applicant institution

STEM Faculty Profiles:

Two (2) required to serve as #1 Principal Investigator (project leader) and #2 Co-Principal Investigator (co-leader)

7. #1 Faculty Name

8. Email address

9. Cell phone number

10. College where this faculty is employed Dropdown

Mark only one oval.

- Applicant college
- Other than applicant college

11. Primary Academic Department/ Discipline

12. Employment status at college Dropdown

Mark only one oval.

- Permanent, full-time faculty
- Adjunct or part-time faculty

13. Total years of teaching experience at 2-year college

Dropdown

Mark only one oval.

- 1 year or less
- Between 1 and 5
- Between 5 and 10
- Greater than 10

14. Years of experience working in industry (if applicable)

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15. #2 Faculty Name *

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16. Email address

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17. Cell phone number

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18. College where this faculty is employed

Dropdown

Mark only one oval.

- Applicant college
- Other than applicant college

19. If employed at a different institution than the applicant institution please name the institution

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20. Primary Academic Department/Discipline

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21. Employment status at college Dropdown

Mark only one oval.

- ( ) Permanent, full-time faculty
- ( ) Adjunct or part-time faculty

22. Total years teaching experience at 2-year college Dropdown

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- ( ) 1 year or less
- ( ) Between 1and 5
- ( ) Between 5 and 10
- ( ) Greater than 10

23. Years of experience working in industry (if applicable)

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Who will provide primary support to this effort at your institution?

Mentor-Connect invites and encourages a grant professional and supportive administrator from the applicant institution to participate. Mentor-Connect data show that 4-person teams are more likely than other participants to submit proposals and receive funding awards. Travel support to in-person workshops is available for up to 2 additional team members who are actively working to support the 2-person faculty team in the development of an ATE grant proposal.

24. Grant professional name

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25. Grant professional email

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26. Grant Professional cell phone number

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27. Administrator Name

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28. Administrator position/title at institution

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29. Administrator email

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30. Administrator cell phone number

What is your planned ATE grant proposal?

NOTE: Strategies might include: recruitment & retention of all students, curriculum modifications, equipment upgrades, faculty development, new delivery formats, introduction of new or emerging technologies, K-12 partnerships, internships or other work-based learning experiences for students. However, it is NOT expected that you will include all of these items.

31. Describe your project's primary technician education focus and how you propose to better meet industry's need for a highly-skilled technical workforce. Include strategies you are considering to meet the need. *

(200 word maximum)

32. *Which local industries will you work with on your project?* (100 word maximum) *

33. *What workforce need will your ATE grant help address?* (100 word maximum) *

34. *What are your desired project outcomes?* (100 word maximum) *

35. Target discipline(s) of project Choose a category from the list below Dropdown

Mark only one oval.

- Agricultural, Environment and Natural Resources
- Autonomous or emerging technologies
- Biotechnology
- Chemical Processing and Refining Technology
- Energy Production and Energy Efficiency
- Engineering Technology
- Geospatial Technology
- Information Technology (e.g. Cyber Security, Artificial Intelligence)
- Information Assurance, Secure Logistics, and Forensics
- Manufacturing Technology
- Micro and Nanotechnologies
- Teacher Preparation (CTE/STEM)
- Other & cross-discipline

Other information about college

Please complete all questions

36. Is this the first application your college has submitted to Mentor-Connect? Dropdown

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

37. What influenced you most to apply to Mentor-Connect? Dropdown

Mark only one oval.

- Presentation via webinar
- Conference workshop
- Social Media
- Email
- Website or web search
- Referral from NSF Program Officer
- Referral from another mentoring initiative
- Referral or advice from colleague or friend
- College Administrator/President/Grants Professional
- Other

38. Are you currently working with or benefiting from services provided by an ATE-funded Center and/or Project? Please name.

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39. Who will be providing the required affidavit? (Full name and position at the college) *

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