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The Value of Mentoring: Personal Perspectives

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In this plenary session, we will explore the value of mentoring, from the perspective of current mentees. Following a brief introduction, three mentees will share insights gained from their lived experience; how they are navigating their science and cultural identities and how mentoring has played a role in their educational path. Each panelist will address some of the following questions: What has worked for you in your mentoring relationship overall? What did not work so well? How has mentoring impacted your professional and/or personal growth? Have you been able to share important aspects of your identity (-ies) with your mentor and/or your research team members? Why or why not? What approaches have mentors used to demonstrate their support of you and all of your identities? What is one thing that you wish your mentor would change to better support your personal/or professional growth?