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**Mentoring Masters-to-PhD Students: Reflections of the Fisk-Vanderbilt Masters to PhD Bridge Program**

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As a research advisor and mentor to students who are enrolled in the Fisk-Vanderbilt Bridge program, I will discuss the development of the program and some of the unique challenges that face students who are transitioning from the Masters program into the PhD program. These comments will include the mentorship that has been cultivated and continues to develop among Fisk Masters students and their potential Vanderbilt PhD advisors, the partnership among Fisk and Vanderbilt faculty to ensure as seamless a transition as possible for our students, and other related topics.