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Mentors are expected to:

- Serve as a positive role model
- Provide encouraging and skillful feedback
- Provide a safe and well-equipped research environment
- Teach research procedures, work closely with mentee to stimulate research thought processes and future projects
- Guide mentee in the development of research projects, draw out ideas from the mentee and help to build on them
- Inform mentee of research opportunities
- Advise mentee on opportunities to present research at local, state, regional and national conferences
- Guide mentee with publication opportunities and procedures for submitting publications
- Provide leadership and opportunities for discipline-specific networking
- Communicate with the OK-LSAMP office in regard to research, internship, and presentation opportunities for mentee as well as other scholars
- If schedule permits, attend the OK-LSAMP Annual Research Symposium
- If schedule permits, attend Scholars Meetings
- Commit to a semester academic term

Scholars will be required to complete the following tasks with guidance from and approval of the mentor.

- **Create a research outline that includes:**
  - Cover sheet signed by the mentor
  - Title/Research focus
  - Methods
  - Equipment/Materials
  - Data Collection/Analysis
  - Results/Conclusion

- **Write a progress report that includes:**
  - Cover sheet signed by the mentor
  - Actions/Research conducted
  - Progress on project
  - Description of next step (could be a continuation of the current project until the project is complete)
  - Inform OK-LSAMP office of presentations, conferences and publications.

*NOTE: The Research Outline and Progress Reports are required each semester. If the research conducted is for a class or research scholarship program, copies of the reports required for the class or other program may be submitted for the OK-LSAMP requirements.*

**BENEFITS**

- Opportunity to aid in the growth of an OK-LSAMP Scholar
- Undergraduate scholar to assist with research projects
- Opportunity to develop OK-LSAMP Scholar presentation skills
- Enhance your leadership, teaching and coaching skills and become a more reflexive practitioner
- Build networking connections in a wide range of disciplines and institutions
- Assist in the progression of underrepresented minorities in STEM fields

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Have an interest in working with undergraduates
- Have a research project on which undergraduate assistance would be conducted in a qualifying field of study
- Interested in aiding the growth of knowledge and research skills of an undergraduate
- Interested in promoting STEM in underrepresented communities
- Interested in encouraging undergraduates to pursue graduate degrees
- Participation and contribution to program activities