



Connecting the Dots: A Mentoring initiative
3rd IAPSM Young Leaders' National Conclave 2022
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IAPSM Young Leaders National Conclave has always been a great learning platform for public health enthusiasts. It's a platform which connects *Change-makers* in the field of public health with like-minded enthusiasts who want to be the future agents of change.

We, the coordinators of the 3rd IAPSM Young Leaders' National Conclave, 2022 are glad to inform the launch of the second cohort of its Mentoring Initiative: Connecting the Dots. It is an initiative for young public health students/faculties/professionals to connect with mentors and help them hone their skills in the areas of their interest. This initiative will focus on empowering young enthusiasts from public health backgrounds by providing them with supportive guidance from experts in that particular field.

All things cannot be learnt in a day. It takes consistency and practice to learn, relearn and unlearn things. The goal of the Mentorship initiative is to promote and facilitate strategic relationships between current students/young professionals and professionals experienced in the public health sector. We hope, mentors will also benefit from the experience through continued association with younger colleagues, with the sense of satisfaction that comes from “paying it forward” to support the next generation.

In the first cohort of the Mentoring Initiative, around 70 mentees were matched with 40 public health mentors. Around 1/3rd of the matched mentors and mentees successfully completed the Mentoring Initiative programme. We hope this year's mentoring initiative programme too helps you hone the skills required for the respective field of interest. Besides helping you gain a professional skill set, these mentors will help you to hone the required personal skills, if any.

Based on the feedback and learnings from first cohort, the number of mentees will be restricted to 20. The mentees will be selected after a competitive evaluation which will be based on the Statement of Intent provided by the applicants. The selected Mentees will be allotted a Mentor in that particular field of interest.

We invite applications from young public health enthusiasts who are aged less than 35 years and who want to hone their skills in a particular field of interest, for e.g. – public health leadership, writing grant proposals, statistical analysis etc to fill up the google form below.

Click here to become a Mentee: <https://forms.gle/iytVnoPTCEX5dGe5A>

We also invite applications from public health experts who want to mentor these young public health enthusiasts. Please fill up the google form below.

Click here to become a Mentor: <https://forms.gle/4NynFy9DzcYKNmW8A>

“The best way to predict the future is to create it” - Peter Drucker.

We look forward for your active participation in the program for making a difference together.

Proposed Timeline:

Task	Deadline	Deliverable
Induction meeting	Nov 2022	Mentorship agreement
First follow-up	Feb 2023	Follow-up checklist and Progress
Second follow-up	May 2023	Follow-up checklist and Progress
Third follow-up	Aug 2023	Follow-up checklist and Progress
Final mentoring meeting	Oct 2023	Closure checklist