How to be a Good Mentee and What to look for in a Mentor

This talk will provide REU students with essential insights on fostering effective mentor-mentee relationships and identifying ideal mentors. By exploring the dynamics of mentorship, attendees will learn actionable strategies to maximize their REU experience. From setting clear expectations to recognizing signs of a supportive mentor, participants will gain invaluable tools to thrive in their research endeavors.

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