

Proposal: Mentor Collective Partnership to Support Student Success

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Overview

From college to career, Mentor Collective provides scalable mentorship solutions that foster skill development, confidence, and social capital—building meaningful connections that unlock opportunities and strengthen student retention.

By leveraging Mentor Collective’s higher education peer mentoring platform, the University of Houston will be able to:

- Assess and monitor students’ sense of belonging.
- Track students’ confidence in their ability to complete courses.
- Create authentic connections for thousands of new and current students.
- Direct students to the support services they most need.
- Gain insights into student challenges through peer-to-peer conversations.
- Engage students, alumni, and industry partners in college life.

Proposed Implementation

This initiative will provide structured mentorship to:

- **8,000 students**, including all **First-Time-in-College (FTIC) students, Class of 2029**, and
- All students identified with risk factors in the **SHRL**.

This will be a **one-year pilot program**, implemented in collaboration with:

- **Student Success**
- **C. T. Bauer College of Business**
- **Cullen College of Engineering**

Budget Request

The cost for implementing Mentor Collective for 8,000 students is **\$35,000**

6% Admin Fee \$2,100

Total request \$37,100

Justification

This partnership represents a strategic investment in student success. By proactively connecting students with trained mentors, the program will improve retention, support at-risk populations, and strengthen the sense of belonging that is critical to persistence and graduation.