

6 STEPS TO ENGAGING STEM STUDENTS POST-CONFERENCE



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Research demonstrates that participation in professional meetings and conferences is a vital element of the undergraduate research experience and an important factor in the enculturation of student scientists into the greater scientific community. Moreover, participation provides student researchers an opportunity to communicate their research findings and strengthens their commitment to the pursuit of a career within STEM (Mabrouk, 2009).



Here are specific steps you can take to support your student's development:

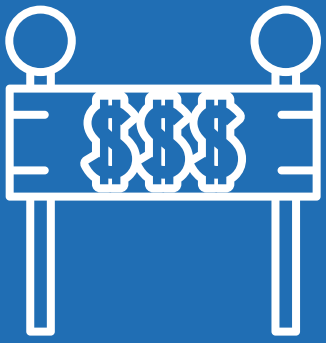


SEND A FOLLOW-UP

Email all students recapping the conference and re-share conference resources.

CHECK-IN

Have personal check-ins with student advisees about their experiences and what their learnings are from the conference.



CHECK ON BARRIERS

Follow-up with students that may have had financial barriers to their attendance and connect them to resources to offset.

PROMOTE INTERNSHIPS

Direct students to internship opportunities and encourage students to apply soon, riding on their excitement post-conference. Consider offering a resume and application writing workshop to support them.



ENCOURAGE NETWORKING

Encourage students to leverage their network and new connections made at the conference. Ask them to follow-up with 2-3 individuals.

EVALUATE

Ask students to complete the conference evaluation form, providing incentive if able.



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