Mentor Matching Engine

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What is the MME?

The Mentor Matching Engine is an invitation-based platform to bring together Mentors, Students and Teachers for personalized inquiry-based learning in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields. By connecting mentors and students electronically, we are able to offer high-quality mentoring experiences for students and mentors alike in a safe and secure environment while eliminating geographic barriers.

The electronic platform offers learners access to mentors from industry, universities and colleges and federal laboratories to collaborate on high-quality research and development projects.
Features

Teachers can:

- Invite students
- Invite mentors
- Review and approve the student research question(s)
- Monitor communication between the student and mentor
- Manage all projects on a single page
- Assist students with mentor selection, and approve the mentor match

Students can:

- Create a project
- Develop a research question
- Provide an optional Letter of Introduction
- Find a mentor
- Communicate with the teacher and mentor within the MME
How We Work

The Mentor Matching Engine is an invitation-based platform to bring together Mentors, Students and Teachers for personalized independent student research projects in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields.

Community Building
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Mentor Matching
Each participant will design his or her own guiding research question and will be able to find mentors on this platform to guide them in conducting their research.

Collaborating
We offer students access to mentors from industry, universities and colleges and federal laboratories to collaborate on high-quality research and development project and mentors the opportunity to work with Illinois’s brightest future scientists.
15 Schools invited by ISTC for Pilot Year
~ 118 students invited; 59 students approved
~ 200 Mentors invited (70 approved):

- Argonne National Lab
- Baxter Healthcare
- Bristol Community College
- Fermilab
- IBio
- IIT
- IMSA
- Institute for Science Education and Technology
- ISU
- Los Alamos National Laboratory
- Loyola University
- MIT
- NIU
- New York University
- Northwestern University
- Shedd Aquarium
- SIU Carbondale
- SIU Carbondale
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute
### Projects

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The Effect of Acid on Cell Membrane (Ongoing)

Project Name (Required)

The Effect of Acid on Cell Membrane

Guiding Question (Required)

Does exposing cells to various levels of acidity affect the number of vacuoles formed?

Letter of Introduction
Project Categories
- Biology (1)
- Chemistry (1)
- Engineering (0)
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Behavioral and Social Sciences (0)
- Computer Science
- Consumer Science
- Earth Science (0)
- Nanotechnology
- Material Science

Teacher

Jacki Naughton

Student

Kruti Sutaria

Mentor

Jeffrey Liu
Activities

January 17

Jeff Bubley commented on Kruti Sutaria’s blog entry, As Mrs Naughton mentioned, If you are merely tryin....
2:38 AM

January 16

Jacki commented on Kruti Sutaria’s blog entry, I agree with Mr. Bubley. You don’t need to feed t....
3:48 PM

Kruti Sutaria commented on Kruti Sutaria’s blog entry, Mr. Bubley, I want to observe phagocytosis in the....
10:54 AM

Jeff Bubley commented on Kruti Sutaria’s blog entry, Hi Kruti! My name if Jeff Bubley and I am a first ....
1:56 AM

January 14

Kruti Sutaria commented on Kruti Sutaria’s blog entry, Hello Mr. Bubley, In order to conduct my experime....
5:27 PM

January 13

Jacki wrote a new blog entry, The Effect of Acid on Cell Membrane.
4:11 PM

January 8

Jeffrey Liu wrote a new blog entry, Calculating mM concentrations of salicylic acid.
7:12 PM

Kruti Sutaria commented on Kruti Sutaria’s blog entry, Hello Mr. Liu, I am going to expose the cell memb....
4:34 PM

January 5

Jacki commented on Kruti Sutaria’s blog entry, Kruti, I suggest you ask you mentor about how to ....
3:35 PM
Add Comment

Kruni,

Jacki Naughton

I suggest you ask your mentor about how to make the mM concentrations of salicylic acid.

Hello Mr. Liu,

Kruni Sutaria

I am going to expose the cell membranes to acid, which will be measured in terms of mM. How would I make the mM concentrations of salicylic acid?

Hello Mr. Bubley,

Kruni Sutaria

In order to conduct my experiment, I need to grow yeast and Tetrahymena cells. I have a "Tetrahymena medium" to grow the Tetrahymena, but how exactly would I grow both types of cells?

Hi Kruni!

Jeff Bubley

My name is Jeff Bubley and I am a first year medical student at the Technion Israel Institute of Technology. I have previously done research on the effects of melatonin on phagocytosis in Tetrahymena. I am currently beginning research regarding the effect of certain toxins on the retina. If you have any questions about your project, please feel free to contact me!

I'm a bit confused as to what you are doing with the yeast cells. For my project, I mixed 1 part 2% India ink and 1 part Tetrahymena solution (a 1% India ink/Tetrahymena solution). After various time points (0 min, 5 min, 10 min, 15 min, 20 min) I took a drop from the solution and fixed it on a slide. To do this I used "protosol." For me the yeast cells were not necessary. Is there a particular reason that you are using them?
Calculating mM concentrations of salicylic acid

1/8/14 6:22 PM
Hi Kruti If you are starting from a solid form of the salicylic acid, start at the second paragraph. If you are started from a liquid form with a known molarity, you can skip to the fourth paragraph. Molarity is a unit of concentration that reflects the amount of solute (chemical being dissolved) in moles per amount of solvent in Liters. mM or millimolar is simply 10^{-3} M. . . .

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The Effect of Acid on Cell Membrane

12/27/13 12:12 AM
Does exposing cells to various levels of acidity affect the number of vacuoles formed?

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Q&A
You have Questions
We have Answers