Mentor Matching Engine

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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

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Community Building
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.

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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.

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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.

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### Year One
- 15 schools invited by ISTC
- ~ 118 students invited, 59 approved
- ~ 200 mentors invited, 70 approved

### Year Two
- ~ 99 teachers representing 32 schools
- ~ 711 students invited, 441 approved
- ~ 316 mentors invited, 242 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
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute
### Projects

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**Warning:** Arthur Migdal - Computerized Solution and Generation Puzzles - Awaiting Mentor Request
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?
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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By Jeffrey Liu  |  0 Comments

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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By Kruti Sutaria  |  7 Comments
Kruni,

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

Jacki Naughton

Hello Mr. Liu,

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?

Kruti Sutaria

Hello Mr. Bubley,

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?

Kruti Sutaria

Hi Kruti!

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% 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 "protoslo." For me the yeast cells were not necessary. Is there a particular reason that you are using them?
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