How Do I Find a Mentor?

- Start on the EMSOP website https://pharm.rutgers.edu/
  - Click on “Departments” and read what the individual faculty study

If you like...  |  Check out...
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Clinical | Pharmacy Practice
Chemistry | Pharmaceutics, Chemical Biology, Medicinal Chemistry
Biology | Pharmacology/Toxicology
Physics | Pharmaceutics
Approaching a Mentor

- Make sure your email does not appear to be a “form” email that is just copy & pasted
- Explain why YOU would be the best fit for their lab/clinical site
- Ask to have a meeting to discuss their research
Questions to Ask Potential Mentors During Meeting

- **Research**
  - Ask about their research
  - Request a couple of manuscripts to read
  - Where is your lab or practice site?

- **Time**
  - How many hours per week?
  - Are my hours flexible around exams?

- **Skills**
  - What skills would I learn?
  - Will I need to write protocols?
  - What formal training do I need to complete? Safety? HIPPA?
  - Will I need to write a grant to supplement the research?

- **Honors Program/Undergrad Research**
  - Have you had Honors students in your lab/site before?
  - If so, did they complete the program? Can I speak with them?
  - How often would you & I meet?
  - Have you had an undergraduate student as an author on any of your manuscripts before?

- **Who would I work with directly?**
  - Faculty member?
  - Fellow/Postdoc? Student?

- **Are there lab meetings?**
  - How often?
Students Already Doing Research

- EMSOP Faculty
  - Speak with Dr. Wagner or Aleksunes about what you have participated in already

- Non-EMSOP Faculty
  - Require EMSOP faculty be a mentor
  - See if you can find a co-mentor to work with your existing mentor
How Long Will the Program Take to Complete?

- About 2-3 years
- This is a **serious** commitment that requires students who are focused, independent, hard working, motivated, and enthusiastic!