



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...

- Clinical
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Physics

Check out...

- Pharmacy Practice
- Pharmaceutics, Chemical Biology, Medicinal Chemistry
- Pharmacology/Toxicology
- 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!

