Hi Dr. [[INSERT NAME HERE]],

My name is [[INSERT YOUR NAME HERE]]. I am [[INSERT YOUR TITLE AT YOUR HOME INSTITUTION]] and I am also one of the committee members for the [Cognitive Science Society](https://cognitivesciencesociety.org/)’s Mentoring Program. I received your information from [[INSERT REFEREE NAME]] who is aware of your work and mentioned that you would be really excellent addition to our mentorship network – especially for students who are not based in or don’t plan to pursue a career path in North America.

Each year, around the time of the CogSci Society’s annual conference, we host a pop-up mentoring event which is open to all members, regardless of whether they are attending the conference or not. We, the mentoring committee, pair up each mentor with three mentees based on shared interests, backgrounds, and when applicable, geographic regions. Mentors host a one-time meeting with their mentees for about 30 mins online or in person, if possible. There is no expectation to continue the mentoring relationship afterwards. So if you have the ability to give 90mins a year, this is truly a low-commitment, high-reward opportunity.

The goal of the program is to provide junior scholars with an opportunity to seek support and guidance on a range of issues from people who are outside their official support networks. We hope that access to these additional perspectives will be helpful for all members, but especially for those scholars who are outside the traditionally-represented areas of academia. If you have the ability to join us, it’s a small but I think genuinely meaningful way to help create a more inclusive community of scientists, one scholar at a time.

Additional details about the mentoring program as well as sign up information is available [here](https://cognitivesciencesociety.org/cogsci-2024-mentoring-program/). But, if you have any questions before that, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I appreciate any time that you can give to support the program. I look forward to your participation and the positive impact you can make as a mentor. Thank you for considering this opportunity.

Best,

[[YOUR SIGNATURE HERE]]