**URP-General Tips for Mentoring Undergraduate Student Researchers:**

1. Create clear goals with students - by week, month, and/or semester

2. Remain flexible/adaptable, particularly during COVID 19
   - This is likely a student’s first time on a college campus, and their research position may be their first work experience.
   - Keep in mind academic success is a student’s first priority.

3. Have a check-in system
   - Establishing deadlines keeps students engaged and helps make sure they are progressing through the various stages of their research.
   - Regularly scheduled meetings afford students the opportunity to report their progress, receive feedback, and seek direction.

4. Seek support by visiting our website

**Considering Previous Student Researchers Feedback, the Top 5 Most Appreciated Mentor Practices:**

1. Make yourself available
   - Take time to explain the project and your research to the student.
   - Consider limiting your total number of student mentees to three.

2. Remain flexible and be attentive
   - Help students set timelines and deadlines.
   - Try multiple lines of communication when appropriate.
   - Keep yourself available.
   - Prioritize safety.

3. Foster community
   - Get to know your mentee.
   - Utilize one-on-one meetings.
   - Ask students about their goals and progress with their research.
   - Encourage exploration and collaboration.

4. Be understanding
○ Realize that undergraduate coursework has to remain a student’s first priority.
○ Give constructive feedback.
  i. Be clear about how to improve and allow for second chances.
○ Realize students have other family and job obligations.

5. Encourage participation in the broader research community
○ Notify students about your department and campus events related to research.
○ Tell them about student groups here at UWW.
○ Encourage students to engage with other students.