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# The Science Committee is pleased to launch EFOMP's "Mentoring in Research programme"

Even though research and development are important in medical physics, not all young professionals and residents are offered an adequate environment to acquire certain research methodology or skills to successfully develop/explore their innovative ideas.

The new programme "*Mentoring in Research*" aims at supporting early-career Medical Physicists (MPs) who want to set up a research project. It is about mentors helping mentees who have little access to research resources.

Potential mentees are early-career medical physicists (less than 7 years' experience in the field of medical physics after their under-graduate degree) and who are in situations where it is hard or impossible to find an experienced MPE (or a medical doctor/radiobiologist) who is willing to advise on a research programme or innovation.

Mentees will be advised by an experienced professional, able to help young medical physicists to "see the forest for the trees" in the land of Research, or even better, helping to see "the bigger picture or broader situation", i.e. the context of the research idea or innovation. The mentor will lend practical help to young people to start developing some research. The EFOMP mentor does NOT supervise the work and mentor responsibility is restricted to the advice given. The mentor can advise on matters including research set up, instrument building, ethical and pa-

tient safety issues, finance, patents, building a network, information exchange, literature, presentations and publications, etc.

**Selection of mentees** starts with a network event organized by EFOMP at the next ECMP congress in September 2020. The event will host 25 potential mentees. Interested candidates should send an email with CV and motivation letter to [sciencecommittee@efomp.org](mailto:sciencecommittee@efomp.org) by May 1<sup>st</sup>. The selection will be made in terms of geographical diversity, motivation and needs.

More detailed information about the event will be announced on the ECMP2020 and EFOMP web sites.

In order to promote mentor turnover, mentorship is supported by EFOMP for no longer than 12 months.

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