



Call for Applications: IFBA Global Mentorship Program v2.0!

The International Federation of Biosafety Associations (IFBA) is pleased to begin its call for applications for the updated IFBA Global Mentorship Program (IGMP).

As it is entering its third official program cycle, IGMP has achieved considerable outcomes and positive reputation as it builds capacity in biosafety and biosecurity around the world. Following extensive feedback from past program participants, as well as consideration of emerging priorities across and changes to the global biosafety and biosecurity landscape, selected changes to the program's content and delivery are proposed to ensure maximized program impact and sustainability. IFBA Global Mentors will remain as invaluable technical resources for mentees in their region, with at least two IFBA Professional Certifications. They will help contribute to an online IGMP community by collaborating with other mentors and mentees, writing short technical briefs about foundational and emerging topics in global biosafety and biosecurity, as well as guiding their mentees through group projects or papers throughout the program cycle.

IFBA Global Mentors and Mentees are brought together to discuss regional and global issues and opportunities pertaining to biosafety, biosecurity, and biorisk management. Mentees will receive guidance in obtaining IFBA Professional Certifications and other career developing skills, and mentors may put their experience towards renewing their existing IFBA Professional Certification.

To apply, Global Mentors must have the following:

- At least two (2) IFBA Professional Certifications;
- An up-to-date copy of their professional CV;
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from an employer, supervisor, or similar; and,
- A completed IFBA Global Mentor application, available [here](#).

To apply, Global Mentees must have the following:

- An up-to-date copy of their professional CV;
- One (1) letter of recommendation from an employer, supervisor, or similar; and,
- A completed IFBA Global Mentee application, available [here](#).

IFBA Mentee applicants do not need to have an IFBA Professional Certification.

Applications for IFBA Global Mentors and IFBA Global Mentees are due no later than December 7th, 2022.

If you have any questions regarding the IFBA Global Mentorship Program and its applications, please do not hesitate to contact Stephanie Norlock, IFBA Program Officer, directly at s.norlock@internationalbiosafety.org

IFBA Global Mentorship Program

The **IFBA Global Mentorship Program** provides accessible support to emerging biosafety and biosecurity professionals around the world through **virtual program delivery**.



A **local, South-to-South** approach to mentorship, the IFBA Global Mentorship Program supports community-led capacity building in biosafety and biosecurity workforces.

IFBA Global Mentors are carefully selected, serving as invaluable sources of technical advice for their mentees. **IFBA Global Mentors have two IFBA Professional Certifications.**



IFBA Global Mentors also **collaborate with each other** to **discuss and present solutions** to foundational and emerging issues in global biosafety and biosecurity.

Together, IFBA Global Mentors and Mentees will form an **active, dynamic community** of biosafety and biosecurity professionals poised to develop new skills and **connect with their global and local professional networks.**

