

ENGAGE Mentors Program

Looking for feedback on your startup, product, or innovative idea? Get advice from experienced business leaders.

What is it?

ENGAGE strengthens budding UWM innovators and teams within the Milwaukee community by providing useful feedback, advice, suggestions, and action items to keep your idea moving forward, whether it's a research discovery, a product concept, or an early-stage startup.

FOR MENTEES

UWM students, faculty, staff, and alumni, or innovators who have completed the Milwaukee NSF I-Corps program. Bring an idea at any stage and get candid feedback, action items, and connections to resources across the Milwaukee ecosystem.

FOR MENTORS

Experienced business leaders and entrepreneurs who volunteer their time, knowledge, and networks. Join a monthly session to help innovators develop their ideas and startups into stronger companies.

Monthly Mentor Swarm

Once a month, we invite mentees to run their ideas by a group of mentors. It's intentionally low-stress. You don't have to be ready for an actual investor pitch. Bring a rough or polished presentation, or simply have a discussion. Tell the mentors where you are on your journey and what help you need for next steps. The main point is to get great advice and make connections, and the experience will help you prepare a more polished pitch in the future.

WHEN

Noon–1:00 pm, last Thursday of most months

WHERE

Mostly virtual, with in-person options quarterly

FORMAT

Your choice: pitch, work-in-progress, or open discussion



Interested in presenting or mentoring?

Contact the UWMRF team below.

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