



UMBC's Community on Optimizing Mentoring Practices and Advancing Student Success (COMPASS) focuses on the craft of mentoring Ph.D. students as they grow into future colleagues. There are several ways in which you can participate in COMPASS activities this semester.

COMPASS Workshops

This workshop is designed for Ph.D. students *and* their faculty mentors. Ideally, students will be at least a year into their Ph.D. work and getting close to starting their dissertation research. This workshop is suitable for students and mentors just starting their mentoring relationship and for mentoring relationships that did not get off to the best start.

We are offering **two** workshops in **Fall 2026**.

October 23, 2026

Location: Commons 329 and 332

Sign up here: [Google form](#)

Nov 6, 2026

Location: Online, webex link will be shared with participants

Sign up here: [Google form](#)

Workshop Agenda:

Noon - 12:45: Lunch (for on-campus session)

12:45 - 1pm: Welcome and Introductions

1:00 - 2:45: Breakout sessions for students and faculty

3:00 - 3:30: Start discussing and filling out "[Sharing Expectations](#)" document

If you have any questions about either events, please email Dr. Sreedevi Sampath at sampath@umbc.edu