MAKE A **DIFFERENCE**

Sign up to become an AuthorAID mentor

The main goal of the AuthorAID site is to allow early-career researchers in developing countries to find mentors who can help them to progress in their research careers. Finding committed mentors is essential to the success of the project.

What skills do I need?

We're seeking experienced researchers who may be able provide advice on some or all of the following:

- Research methods and analysis
- Appropriate journals for submitting manuscripts (including both international and regional journals)
- Manuscript preparation
- Writing style
- The peer-review process and responding to referees' comments
- Presentations and posters
- Preparing grant proposals
- Scientific communication in general

How does the mentoring process work?

Setting up a mentoring relationship can be done entirely online, via the following steps:

- Register for AuthorAID at **www.authoraid.info** and indicate that you are interested in becoming a mentor
- Fill in your AuthorAID profile with as much detail as possible so that potential mentees can find you
- Wait for your mentoring application to be approved. This generally happens within a week
- Wait for potential mentees to contact you via the AuthorAID messaging system, or use Find Researchers to find a potential mentee
- Start a conversation and establish rapport with your potential mentee using AuthorAID's messaging system
- If you both agree to mentoring, follow a link to set up a formal online learning agreement and use the task-based mentoring system

What sort of potential mentor is AuthorAID looking for?

- An experienced researcher, with a track record of publications
- Someone who is diplomatic and can encourage and support early-career researchers in developing countries
- Someone who is committed and enthusiastic and who is not looking for academic gain.

Need more help?

Visit **www.authoraid.info/help** and see the AuthorAID guidelines for more information. For a general example of how AuthorAID might work, follow Rahim on his mentoring journey at: **www.authoraid.info/en/mentoring/authoraid-mentoring-journey**

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If you have specific questions, please feel free to contact us at: **authoraid@inasp.info**