

# being a mentor



Mentoring an **EmpowHer team** is a unique opportunity to directly transform a motivated young women's career in STEM. Our participants may not all have access to a computer science curriculum at their school or significant experience with software development: you can help introduce them to the technology and thought processes that will allow them to solve meaningful problems in their community.

These formative mentor-based experiences are especially critical to inspiring the next generation of women in technology fields.

## mentor's responsibilities

Mentors can help students through different facets of their project including: **ideation, initial development, prototype refining, and the final submission process.** This could include helping evaluate potential project ideas, quantifying deficits in already existing solutions to a chosen problem, advising teams on their developmental roadmap, helping decide the critical features that are necessary for their prototype and more.

### how to connect w/ students:

Participants will request a mentor through the EmpowHer portal in November. We will then match mentors and mentee teams based on technical interests indicated through both the mentor and participant applications. Once matched, we will create a private slack channel where the team can connect.

### connecting w/ other mentors:

Mentors can collaborate together to jointly mentor a mentee team. For example, mentors with a solely technical background can partner with another mentor who has experience with marketing and business development.

