Virtual Fellowship Roundtable Agenda  
May 5, 2021  
Organized by Fellowships Office, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine

10:00 AM  Welcome - Christine O’Brien, Fellowships Office, NASEM

10:10 AM  Plenary Presentation: Update on U.S. Graduate Student Population & CGS Focus on Graduate Students and Current Mental Health Issues  
Speaker: Dr. Hironao Okahana, Council of Graduate Schools  
Q and A

11:00 AM  Identifying Strategies for Supporting Students in Uncertain Times  
Presenter and Discussion Leader: Layne Scherer, Policy and Global Affairs, NASEM

11:30 AM  “Now is the Time to Focus on Faculty Diversity”  
Speaker: Hannah Bartlebaugh, Southern Regional Education Board (SREB)

12:00 PM  Break

12:15 PM  The Mentoring Continuum  
Presenter and Discussion Leader: Dr. Ansley Abraham, SREB  
Panelists: Dr. Bob Belle, Senior Consultant, Doctoral Scholars Program, SREB and  
Dr. William Wittels, The Graduate School, Brown University

1:00 PM  Break

1:10 PM  Strategies for Planning Conferences During a Pandemic: Virtual vs. In-Person  
Moderator: Zerxes Spencer, National Endowment for Democracy  
Panelists: Dr. Ansley Abraham-SREB, Irene Hulede- American Society for Microbiology, and Dr. MariaElena Zavala- California State University at Northridge and Past President of the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)

2:00 PM  Discussion of Future Topics and Identifying Volunteers  
(e.g., Evaluation, Strategies for Program Promotion, Fostering Alumni Networks, Virtual Conference Planning and Webinars)

2:15 PM  Adjourn