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SCM Mentoring is a program designed to help early career researchers who experience difficulties in accessing the Western scientific publication system because of their current geographical location to successfully publish their research results in established scientific journals.

The program is designed to facilitate exchange of experience and transfer of know-how with experienced scientists and to promote the scientific careers of individuals from marginalized regions of the world.

Mentors and mentees should mutually benefit from each other's experience and professional expertise through collegial consultation and broaden their awareness of international perspectives. Mentees should develop their ability to publish successfully in Western journals and thus contribute their research perspectives to scientific discourse. They should be integrated into a network that can provide new impulses as well as concrete help. For mentors, the opportunities lie in reflecting on their own work, receiving professional impulses and training international skills.

By enabling Early Career Global South Manuscript Mentoring, *SCM* aims to contribute to the opening of the scientific publication system and to fulfill its responsibility as an internationally oriented journal.

Application

The opportunity to apply for *SCM* Mentoring is offered to authors that not yet acquired a doctoral degree, whose manuscript has been rejected by *SCM*. The editors assess the suitability of the manuscript based on thematic relevance and content potential. Direct application to the mentoring program is not possible.

SCM supports selected authors in finding a suitable mentor and provides structures for the successful mentoring relationship in the form of mentoring guidelines, a mentoring agreement and consultation for mentors and mentees.