

## BJSM Global SEM Mentoring Program

### Overview

- The BJSM Editorial Board is committed to promoting Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Sports and Exercise Medicine (SEM).
- We recognise that research infrastructure and support are not equal across the globe, and that this can be a barrier for some researchers to gain experience and be successful at all levels of the scientific process: from designing and conducting research, to data analysis, writing and publishing quality manuscripts, and securing research funding.
- However, there are many potential SEM research opportunities in diverse regions of the globe that will help answer important questions through effective collaboration.
- The BJSM Global SEM Mentoring Program aims to facilitate global collaboration by “matching” experienced SEM researchers with researchers who would benefit from mentorship in their research process. A specific focus will be to assist researchers from low- and middle-income countries conduct high quality research relevant to SEM.
- To be explicit, the BJSM Global SEM Mentoring Program does not provide research funding, but rather connects (through shared interests) experienced researchers with young or less experienced investigators.

### How it works

- Interested parties should submit their request to: [bjsmglobalmentoring@bmj.com](mailto:bjsmglobalmentoring@bmj.com)
- Please include the following in your email:
  - Name, degree, institution, country
  - Research question or title of research project
  - A short description of the proposed study (<300 words)
  - The specific area(s) you could use assistance (i.e., study design, data analysis, manuscript writing)
- The BJSM Editors will connect potential mentees to voluntary mentors ideally with shared interests and expertise in the areas needed.
- Once introduced, the BJSM Editors will not supervise the relationship. We do hope to receive updates on how the mentoring process and research project has been carried out, but there is no commitment to publish the results in BJSM.
- The mentee and mentor should discuss the degree of involvement; possibilities include sharing research concepts, electronic library and journal access, methodology and statistical support, and manuscript preparation. Authorship is not expected but can be discussed and agreed upon between the parties if warranted.