Email template to invite someone to mentor you in Publons Academy

Hi <mentor name>,

I’ve just enrolled in the Publons Academy, a free online course to teach me the core competencies of peer review and improve the quality of future research. Are you available to help me graduate from the course?

The Publons Academy aims to speed up research by building an expert pool of motivated reviewers. I’ll learn the skills needed to be a sound, confident reviewer (and researcher), and they’ll connect me with top journal editors in my field from their network.

It’s a very practical course and graduating involves writing two practice (post-publication) reviews. I need a senior reviewer to assess the quality of these reviews and then endorse me for my skills. That’s where I’d like you to come in.

Training new academics like me in peer review will benefit research and advance your career. You’ll join a growing network of experts using an innovative teaching solution to improve the quality and integrity of scholarly communication. Your Publons Academy mentoring activities will also be publicly acknowledged on my Publons profile (and yours if you have one), and you can easily and verifiably add it under teaching/supervision in your own departmental progress/review reports with the Peer Review Mentor certificate you’ll receive.

Added to that, you’ll also help improve my reviewing and writing skills, which are key to sound research and a successful career.

If you agree to mentor me I’ll send an official invite with a link to accept from Publons. To read more about Publons Academy go to https://publons.com/community/academy.

Thank you,

<your name>