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# SPRING 2023 GRACE SERIES

### FEATURING

Dr. Maral Mesmakhosroshahi

**Deep Learning Researcher at Microsoft** 

## Be One, Get One: How To Get The Most out of Mentorship

### ABSRACT

Mentorship can be used to develop cultures of inclusive excellence which can support the development of a diverse workplace in the community and across all genders and nationalities by providing a better path to success for the underrepresented groups.

In this talk, Maral will go through the benefits of having or being a mentor in your career path, practical ways of finding a good mentor and getting benefit from a mentorship relationship as a mentee or mentor.

#### BIOGRAPHY

Maral Mesmakhosroshahi is a Deep Learning Researcher at Microsoft working on the large-scale deep learning models. Before joining Microsoft, she worked at Konica Minolta Laboratory as an Imaging Scientist working on Deep Learning based cancer cell detection and handwriting recognition projects.

Maral has a PhD in Electrical Engineering from Illinois Institute of Technology with focus on Computer Vision for pedestrian detection in autonomous vehicles. Her expertise and research interests are in deep learning, natural language processing and computer vision.

Maral is the founder and president of Iranian Women in Computing, a nonprofit organization supporting Iranian women in tech in the US. IranWiC envisions a world where every person interested in Technology can have an equal chance to pursue their passion regardless of their gender and nationality via mentorship, collaboration, exchanging ideas and resources and holding regular meetups.

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*TIME:* 7p - 8p *LOCATION:* Virtual on Microsoft Teams

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