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LSHIM distance learning (DL) programmes are run in collaboration with University of London Worldwide (UoLW). The optional Project Module for Public Health MSc students by distance learning (PHDL) is managed by Project Module Organisers (PMOs). The Project Module is often the first time PHDL students undertake research, commonly with limited local or peer support. In response, PMOs developed and launched an alumni-peer mentorship scheme in July 2018, funded initially by a Teaching and Research Award from CDE of UoLW. Alumni had not previously been engaged in supporting students in any DL module.

The aim of this project was to