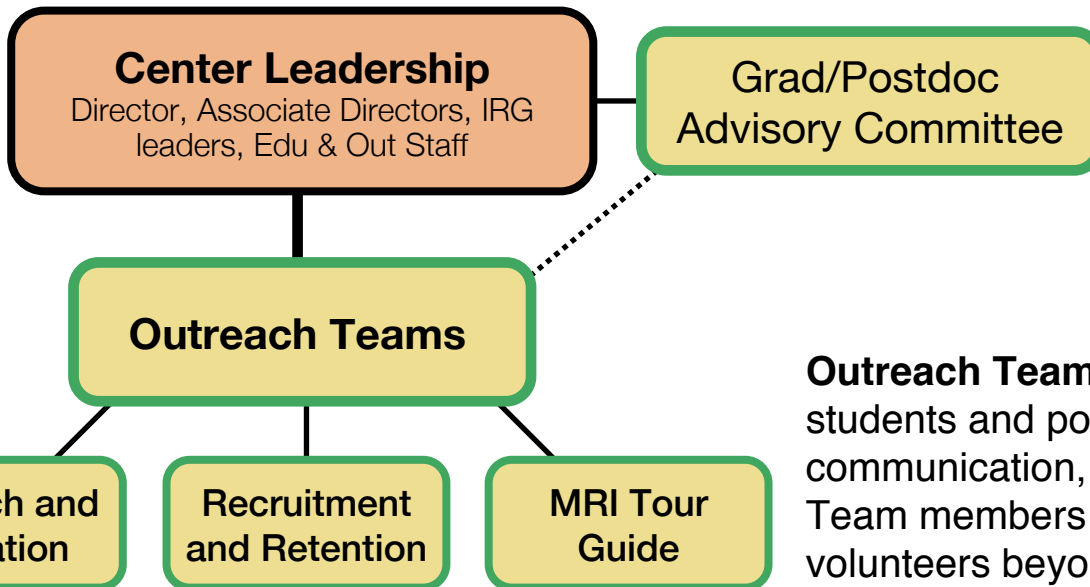


Engaging Center Students & Postdocs



The **Grad/Postdoc Advisory Committee** of Team Leaders and members of each IRG meets quarterly to provide input to Center leadership and convey information back to members

Outreach Teams provide opportunities for graduate students and postdocs to develop leadership, communication, and program management skills. Team members represent all IRGs and include volunteers beyond the MRSEC.



I get many opportunities to examine and improve my communication skills... think about how my research is relevant to the outside world...[and] explain it to a little kid or a potential investor from industry.

– Tour Guide member

The annual MRSEC student survey (with 57 respondents) highlighted several areas of interest, including science communication (70%), networking with industry (65%), interviewing for jobs (72%) and mentor/mentee training (44%) and resulting in:

- Two science communication workshops
- Poster sessions with industry visitors (3M, Lockheed Martin, & General Dynamics)
- Improvements to the PREM Penn Pal mentoring program
- Recruitment & Retention Team efforts to engage MRSEC alumni as seminar speakers in career discussions