UCSF
MENTORING TOOLKIT
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What is Mentoring?

. . . a process where mentor and mentee work together to discover and develop the mentee’s abilities.

. . . a long term relationship with a responsibility to provide the support, knowledge and impetus that can facilitate professional success.

. . . a personal process that combines role modeling, apprenticeship and nurturing.

The mentor will act as a teacher, sponsor, guide, exemplar, counselor, moral support—but most important is to assist and facilitate the realization of the dream.

. . . process whereby an experienced, highly regarded, empathic person (the mentor) guides another individual (the mentee) in the development and examination of their own ideas, learning and personal and professional development. The mentor, who often, but not necessarily, works in the same organization or field as the mentee, achieves this by listening and talking in confidence to the mentee.
# Mentor Roles and Functions

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Mentoring Functions

Career Functions
“Those aspects of a relationship that enhance advancement in the organization.”

- Coaching, protecting, networking, sponsorship

Psychosocial Functions
“Those aspects of a relationship that enhance an individuals sense of competence, identity and effectiveness.

- Role modeling, counseling, confirmation, acceptance
Why Mentoring Matters

Mentoring has been shown to:

- Promote career development and satisfaction
- Improve success of women and underrepresented minorities in academic health careers
- Enhance faculty productivity (mentoring is linked to funding and publications)
- Increase interest in academic careers
- Predict promotion in academia
- Improve self efficacy in teaching, research and professional development
- Increase the time that clinician educators spend in scholarly activities
- Lead to less work-family conflict
Benefits of Mentoring

Benefits for Mentees
Having a mentor and receiving more mentoring functions is associated with more favorable objective (compensation, promotion) and subjective (career/job satisfaction) outcomes

Benefits for Mentors
Include developing a personal support network, information and feedback from protégés, satisfaction from helping others, recognition (including accelerated promotion), and improved career satisfaction
Characteristics of an Effective Mentor: The Three C’s

C

Competence

Professional knowledge and experience
Respect
Interpersonal skills and good judgment

C

Confidence

Shares network of contacts and resources
Allows protégé to develop his/her own terms
Demonstrates initiative, takes risks
Shares credit

C

Commitment

Invests time, energy and effort to mentoring
Shares personal experience

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Mentoring Partnership Agreement

As a mentor and mentee in the UCSF Mentoring Program, we agree to abide by the following set of guidelines:

1. Commit to making the time to meet on a regular basis,

2. Keep the content of our conversations confidential.

3. Practice active listening.

4. Provide each other with honest, direct and respectful feedback.

5. Other:

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Mentor........................................................................................................

Mentee........................................................................................................

Date........................................................................................................
Individual Development Plan (IDP)
UCSF Faculty Mentoring Program

Instructions to Mentees:
Please complete this form yearly and give a copy to your mentor before your mentoring session. Attach an updated CV in the recommended UCSF format (http://academicaffairs.ucsf.edu/acapers/downloads/cvguidelines2005.pdf).

Instructions to Mentors:
Please review the mentee’s CV and this form prior to meeting your mentee.

Date:

Mentee Name:

Mentor Name:
Time Allocation as Estimated by Mentee:

___ % Administration/Other Services
___ %
___ %
___ %

How (if at all) would you like to change this time distribution?

Classification
Do you understand the classification to which you are appointed and the expectations for advancement?

___ Yes
___ No

Explain:

Current Professional Responsibilities
List your major professional responsibilities and if you anticipate significant changes in the coming year:

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
Future Professional Goals

Short Term Goals
List your professional goals for the coming year. Be as specific as possible, and indicate how you will assess if the goal was accomplished (expected outcome).

1. Goal:

   Expected outcome:

2. Goal:

   Expected outcome:

3. Goal:

   Expected outcome:

Long Term Goals
List your professional goals for the next 3-5 years. Again, be specific, and indicate how you will assess if the goal was accomplished.

1. Goal:

   Expected outcome:

2. Goal:

   Expected outcome:

3. Goal:

   Expected outcome:
## Mentoring Meeting Journal

Use this page to record the discussion points in each of your mentoring meetings.

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<td>Check In (e.g. urgent issues, work-life balance, personal issues):</td>
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<td>Goal Discussion:</td>
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<td>Action Items:</td>
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Next meeting date: __________________________
Phases of the Mentoring Relationship

Initiation phase (6-12 months)
- Mentor is admired and respected for competence and ability to provide support and guidance
- Mentee represents someone with potential, can provide technical assistance and can transmit mentors values

Cultivation phase (2-5 yrs)
- Positive expectations are tested against reality
- Career functions emerge first; psychosocial functions emerge as the interpersonal bond strengthens

Separation phase
- Relationship is less central part of each individual's life at work; feelings of loss, anxiety
- Structural and emotional separation
- Provides opportunity for mentee to demonstrate skills and operate independently and for mentor to demonstrate that one has been successful in developing new talent

Redefinition phase
- Relationship becomes, primarily, a friendship
- May have ambivalence, discomfort

(Kram 1983)
Initiation: First Meeting Checklist

Get to Know Each Other
☐ Share information about your professional and personal life
☐ Learn something new about your mentee/mentor

Establish Guidelines
☐ When and where will we meet?
☐ How will we schedule meetings?
☐ How will we communicate between meetings?
☐ What agenda format will we use?
☐ Will there be any fixed agenda items to be discussed at every meeting?
☐ How will we exchange feedback?
☐ How will we measure success?

Partnership Agreement
☐ Review partnership agreement, modify if desired, sign and exchange
☐ Review goals for the mentoring relationship

Confirm Next Steps
☐ Schedule date, time and place of future meetings
Initiation: Structuring Meeting Time

Determine how to use your time together. One suggestion is the "10/20/60 Rule" that will help you to establish a solid partnership and address mentoring goals and everyday issues. For a meeting of about 1½ hours split the time roughly as follows:

First 10 Minutes
Engage in personal/professional—"check-in"

Next 20 Minutes
Focus on ‘front burner’ issues (upcoming presentation, manuscript revision, etc.)

Last 60 Minutes
Discuss current and long term goals and priorities

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Initiation: Expectations

A critical component of a successful mentoring relationship is clarity of commitment and expectations.

Mentors and mentees need to agree on:

- Scheduling and logistics of meeting
- Frequency and mode of communicating between meetings
- Responsibility for rescheduling any missed meetings
- Confidentiality
- “Off-limits” conversations
- Giving and receiving feedback
- Working with formalized mentee goals
Cultivating the Relationship: Building Trust

When people trust each other, they allow their most authentic self to emerge. They feel free to share concerns, insecurities and doubts. Listening to each other builds trust. Sharing reservations and uncertainties builds trust. Most importantly, demonstrating by our acts that we are trustworthy builds trust.

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<th>Behaviors That Destroy Trust</th>
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<td>Not paying attention to what is being said</td>
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<td>Cooperating with others</td>
<td>Being competitive</td>
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<td>Openly sharing and being vulnerable</td>
<td>Withholding and keeping people out</td>
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<td>Actions are parallel to words</td>
<td>Acting contrary to words</td>
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<td>Accepting and non-judgmental</td>
<td>Criticizing and disapproving</td>
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<td>Authentic and true-to-self</td>
<td>Acting with a hidden agenda</td>
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<td>Freely admitting mistakes and errors</td>
<td>Blaming others for mistakes</td>
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<td>Actively seeking out difference perspectives</td>
<td>Keeping a closed mind to new ideas</td>
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<td>Encouraging others to succeed</td>
<td>Discouraging others from taking risks</td>
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<td>Having a positive, upbeat outlook</td>
<td>Projecting a negative perspective</td>
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<td>Honoring and respecting confidentiality</td>
<td>Breaking confidence</td>
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Cultivating the Relationship: Giving (and Receiving) Feedback

Mentees want to receive honest, candid feedback from their mentor. Equally important is the feedback mentees can offer to mentors. Engaging in reciprocal and on-going feedback is a vital component of the partnership.

Effective feedback:

- Is offered in a timely manner
- Focuses on specific behaviors
- Acknowledges outside factors that may contribute
- Emphasizes actions, solutions or strategies

Effective Feedback from Mentee:

- Whether the advice or guidance you offered was beneficial and solved an issue
- Whether the mentor communication style and/or actions facilitate a positive mentoring experience
- Whether the mentor communication style and/or actions create challenges to a positive mentoring experience

Effective Feedback to Mentee:

- Mentee strengths and assets
- Areas for growth, development and enhancement
- Harmful behaviors or attitudes
- Observations on how your mentee may be perceived by others

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Separation and Redefinition

Participating in a mentoring program brings the opportunity for planning and implementing closure that is unlike most other types of relationships. Whether you determine to continue meeting on a regular basis or not, it is essential to discuss and plan the process by which your formal partnership will come to a close.

If appropriate, you will want to think about how you would like to transition from a formal to an informal mentoring partnership or to more of a peer relationship. It is recommended to instill some structure to even an informal partnership so as to yield the most benefit from the time you spend together.

Closure Checklist:

☐ Discuss how to use the remaining time together.
☐ Make sure an important goal has not been overlooked.
☐ Plan a formal acknowledgement or celebration of the mentoring relationship.

Questions to Discuss:

- Have the goals been achieved?
- Have the important issues been discussed?
- How should the separation/redefinition be acknowledged?
- What will the agenda be for the last meeting?
- What would be the ideal interaction going forward?
Being a Pro-Active Mentee

The most successful mentoring partnerships are those in which the mentee takes the initiative and truly drives the partnership. In a mentee-driven partnership, the mentee determines the pace, route and destination. The mentor is then able to offer insights and counsel that is focused on the mentee’s objectives.

Consider the following questions:

- Are my objectives clear and well defined?
- Am I comfortable asking for what I want?
- Am I open to hearing new ideas and perspectives?
- Do I allow myself to be open and vulnerable?
- Am I receptive to constructive feedback?
- Am I able to show I value and appreciate feedback?
- Am I willing to change or modify my behaviors?
- Do I consistently follow through on commitments?
- Do I make an effort to instill trust?
- Do I openly show appreciation and gratitude?
Mentee Strategies to Achieve Mentoring Objectives

Whether your objectives focus on broad issues or more specific developmental areas, your mentor’s ability to help you attain those objectives will be enhanced when you have clearly defined where you want to go and how you want to get there. It’s important to think carefully about your objectives and the challenges to achieving them.

Use the questions below to appraise your objectives:

**Specificity**
- Have you identified a specific objective for the partnership?
- Are your objectives definite and precise?

**Measurability**
- Are your objectives quantifiable in nature?
- Have you decided how to measure success?

**Work Plan**
- Do you have an action plan to achieve your objectives?
- Have you considered the outcome of achieving your objectives?

**Reality Check**
- Are your objectives realistic given the circumstances?
- Have you determined a completion date?
- Is your timeline realistic?
- Will you need additional resources or tools to be successful?

**The Mentor’s Role**
- Will your objectives require your mentor to provide you something other than guidance?
- How can your mentor be most helpful to you?
# Mentee Dos and Don’ts

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<td>• Look for opportunities to teach your mentor</td>
<td>• Be late, disorganized</td>
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<td>• Be respectful of mentor’s time</td>
<td>• Stay in the comfort zone</td>
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<td>• Communicate agenda and goals with mentor prior to meeting</td>
<td>• Stay in a mentoring relationship when it is no longer helpful</td>
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<td>• Clarify goals and expectations</td>
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<td>• Practice self reflection</td>
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<td>• Support your peers</td>
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<td>• Keep your CV, IDP, etc. up to date</td>
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<td>• Have multiple mentors</td>
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<td>• Clarify your values</td>
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Choosing a Mentor

Choose a mentor who has the following qualities:

- Interested in developing your career
- Commitment to mentoring
- Match your emotional needs
  - Do you need more support and praise or more challenge?
- Match with your professional needs
  - Help with writing? Methodological skills?
  - Research/scholarly interests
- A successful track record
- Good communication skills
- Will provide networking opportunities
- Is institutionally savvy
- Expresses interest in you as a person
- There is potential for reciprocity

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Mentors Role in Mentee Development

Support

- Listening—actively (empathically)
- Expressing positive expectations
  
  *(Mentors) balance both a present sense of where their students are and a dream of what they can become.*

- Serving as advocate
- Sharing ourselves

Challenge

- Setting tasks
- Setting high standards
- Modeling
- Providing a mirror

Vision

- Provide a vision for a satisfying and successful career

*(Daloz 1999)*
Impact of Support and Challenge on Mentee Development

(Daloz 1999)
Evaluating Your Mentee’s Goals

Use the checklist below to appraise your mentee’s goals:

**Specificity**
- [ ] Has your mentee identified specific short and long term goals?
- [ ] Are the goals definite and precise?

**Measurability**
- [ ] Are your mentee’s goals quantifiable in nature?
- [ ] Has your mentee determined how to measure success?

**Work Plan**
- [ ] Does your mentee have an action plan to achieve their goals?
- [ ] Has your mentee considered the outcome of achieving these goals?

**Reality Check**
- [ ] Are your mentee’s goals realistic given the circumstances?
- [ ] Has your mentee determined a completion date?
- [ ] Can success be achieved within the time allocated?
- [ ] Will additional resources or tools be needed to achieve success?

**Your Role**
- [ ] Is your role to advise, suggest or listen?
- [ ] Will your mentee’s goals require you to provide something other than guidance?
- [ ] How can you be most helpful to your mentee?

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<td>Take credit</td>
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<td>Teach by example</td>
<td>Take over</td>
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<td>Be aware of role conflict</td>
<td>Threaten, coerce or use undue influence</td>
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<td>Encourage and motivate mentee to move beyond their comfort zone</td>
<td>Lose critical oversight—allow friendship to cloud judgment</td>
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<td>Promote independence</td>
<td>Condemn (mistakes or lack of agreement are not career altering disasters)</td>
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<td>Promote balance</td>
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<td>Rejoice in success and convey your joy</td>
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<td>Encourage reciprocity</td>
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Mentor’s Meeting Checklist

- Set aside adequate time for meetings
- Obtain and review mentee’s CV and IDP prior to meeting
- Be sure to review contact information and other meeting arrangements
- Clarify what mentee expects from you—and what you expect from mentee
- Review mentee’s short/long term goals
- Be sure that you have accurate, up to date information on advancement and promotion policies for your mentee’s series and rank (see www.ucsf.edu/senate/facultyhandbook)
- Ask mentee to help you with writing, research, teaching, curriculum development etc. that is consistent with their career goals
- Be aware of potential conflicts of interest if you are both a supervisor and mentor for the mentee
- Be sure that mentee has joined committees and professional organizations helpful for career development
- Assist your mentee to find other mentors within and outside UCSF
Mentoring Resources

Partial Listing of Mentoring Programs at Health Sciences Universities:

Baylor College of Medicine
http://www.bcm.edu/fac-ed/peer_mentoring/index.html

Children’s Hospital Boston
Office of Faculty Development
http://www.childrenshospital.org/cfapps/research/data_admin/Site2209/Documents/06webjunior%20facultys.doc

Connecticut Children's Medical Center
http://www.ccmckids.org/professionals/development.asp

Eastern Virginia Medical School
http://www.evms.edu/women/wim.html

Idaho State University
College of Pharmacy
http://pharmacy.isu.edu/live/fs/

Johns Hopkins School of Public Heath
Center for Mind-Body Research
http://www.jhsph.edu/mindbodyresearch/mentoring_program/

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
http://www.mcpsh.edu/library_resources/subject_guides/mentoring.html

Medical College of Virginia Campus
Office of Faculty and Instructional Development
School of Medicine
http://www.medschool.vcu.edu/ofid/facdev/facultymentoring.html

Northeastern Ohio Universities
College of Medicine and College of Pharmacy
http://www.neoucom.edu/audience/faculty/ProfDev/masterteacher

Penn State University College of Medicine
http://www.hmc.psu.edu/opd/faculty/mentoring/index.htm

Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, University & Dentistry of New Jersey
http://rwjms.umnj.edu/faculty/faculty_development/mentoring.htm

Stanford University
School of Medicine
http://facultymentoring.stanford.edu/guidelines.html

University of Arizona Tuscon Arizona
National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health
http://www.womenshealth.arizona.edu/researchers/mentoring.htm

University of Arkansas Medical Sciences College of Medicine

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http://www.uams.edu/facultyaffairs/word%20docs/Mentoring%202005.pdf

University of California, Davis
http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/facultydev/mentoring.html

University of California San Diego
National Center of Leadership in Academic Medicine
http://nclam.ucsd.edu/

University of California San Diego Academic Affairs

University of Hawaii
http://www.fmp.hawaii.edu/

University of Miami
School of Medicine
Office of Research Education and Training
http://researchedu.med.miami.edu/x16.xml

University of Massachusetts Medical School
http://www.umassmed.edu/facultyadmin/mentoring/

University of Minnesota
http://www1.umn.edu/ohr/img/assets/18003/estabneg.pdf

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Pharmacy
http://www.pharmacy.unc.edu/labs/mentoring-program/tips-for-mentors-and-mentees

University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine
http://www.medschool.vcu.edu/ofid/facdev/facultymentoringguide/index-2.html

Miscellaneous Mentoring Resources

A Guide to Training and Mentoring in the Intramural Research Program at NIH
http://www1.od.nih.gov/oir/sourcebook/ethic-conduct/mentor-guide.htm

Advisor, Teacher, Role Model, Friend
http://www.nap.edu/readingroom/books/mentor/#committee

American Heart Association
Mentoring Handbook

Association for Women in Science
http://www.awis.org/careers/mentoring.html

Genentech
http://www.gene.com/gene/research/fellowship/Index

MedEd Mentoring
http://www.mededmentoring.org/default.asp

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MentorNet
http://www.mentornet.net/

Pharmacy Now
MentorVIEW
http://www.pharmacynow.org/mentor/default.asp

Woman to Woman Mentoring Program
http://woman2womanmentoring.com/W2W Mentoring Program.html

The American Physiological Society
http://www.the-aps.org/careers/careers1/mentor/guide.htm

The Mentor Directory
http://www.mentors.ca/mentor.html

Virtual Mentor, American Medical Association Journal of Ethics
http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/3040.html

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