

Summary: seminar 1

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This mentoring seminar series will help us build stronger mentoring relationships, and is based on materials distributed by the [American Physical Society](#).

Learning objectives

We will:

- Explore perceptions of research mentoring relationships in their field or subfield.
- Understand the process and expectations for the seminar series.
- Prepare to establish effective mentoring relationships.

What do we think of when we think of mentoring?

- Accountability
- Advocate
- Assistance
- Care
- Coach
- Comfort
- Communication
- Friendly
- Guidance
- Informal
- Inspirational
- Learning
- Professional
- Reliable
- Resource
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Sincere
- Teaching

Discussion questions

1. What characterises a good mentoring relationship?
 - Good fit
 - Open communication
 - Needs met and clear expectations
 - Balanced
 - Respect for mentee's (and mentor's) time.

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2. What makes a good mentor?

- In your field
- Organised
- Friends
- Ally
- Knowledgeable
- Accessible
- Reliable
- Caring