

What is faculty mentoring?

Faculty mentoring is a partnership through which the mentor shares knowledge, skills, information and perspective to foster the personal and professional growth of the student mentee.

Who are the Faculty Mentors?

Mentors are UC Berkeley faculty who volunteer to mentor incoming scholars. Faculty mentors offer to engage in a mentor/mentee relationship to foster the scholars' successful transition to Berkeley and to their success during their tenure at Cal and beyond. They offer guidance and motivation to their mentees.

Who are Regents' and Chancellor's Scholars?

You may find more information about these scholars at,
<http://financialaid.berkeley.edu/regents-and-chancellors-scholarship>.

Who are Cal Opportunity Scholars?

You may find more information about these scholars at,
<http://financialaid.berkeley.edu/cal-opportunity-scholarship>.

How am I matched with my mentee?

The Undergraduate Scholarships, Prizes, and Honors Office (USPHO) matches entering scholars with Faculty Mentors. When possible the match is based on the intended major of the scholar but isn't always possible based on the number of faculty and their different areas of study. Scholars may be matched with the faculty member who interviewed them if they interviewed for the scholarship. Scholars in the College of Engineering will have their engineering faculty advisor serve as their faculty mentor.

What if I am matched with a Scholar who is not in my academic area?

The faculty mentor is a *personal* mentor who is available to encourage and support the student's personal growth. The faculty mentor will support and encourage the mentee. If the student has academic questions, an academic or major advisor should be consulted and the student is told not to contact the mentor for these questions.

What topics should I speak to my mentee about?

The Faculty/Mentee relationship provides the opportunity to discuss some of the following:

Career goals

Academic goals

Importance of networking

Bridging the gap between college life and working life

Provide developmental feedback on strengths and weaknesses

Is a mentor different than an academic advisor?

A faculty mentor is a personal guide who encourages and supports, shares their experiences and helps to guide the student while they formulate their academic and career goals. Scholars will look to *academic advisors* to ask questions about and seek advice on the following:

Course Planning

College & major requirements

Important deadlines

Get their advisor code (AC) number to access Tele-BEARS registration

Who initiates the first contact – Mentor or Scholar?

We suggest scholars make the initial contact with their mentor by sending a short introductory email. Scholars could offer to stop by during office hours to meet. We encourage faculty mentors to contact their mentee if the student never makes contact.

Will the mentees always meet in my office?

Some faculty may choose to meet with their mentees individually at their office, and others like meeting as a group. (Mentors often have more than one mentee.) You might meet the first time during office hours or one of you may suggest meeting for a cup of coffee or lunch at a campus café. *All mentor/mentee relationships are different.*

Do I need to meet my mentee a certain number of times per semester?

There is no mandated number of times you must meet. This is a benefit to be used to support the students during their tenure at Cal. To establish a relationship you might want to commit to meeting a couple times a semester, but you will decide how often you wish to meet.

Are there special events for Mentor/Mentees during the academic year?

Scholars have the opportunity to meet with mentors at their *Fall Welcome Receptions*. The Cal Opportunity Scholars Association (COSA) and the Regents' and Chancellor's Scholars Association (RCSA) participate in the planning of a *Spring Faculty Scholar Reception* in January/February. Both associations will help scholars initiate contact with mentors during the academic year.

Who should I contact if I have questions regarding being a Faculty Mentor?

You may contact the scholarship programs manager, Angie Harris at 510-642-2002, angtwn@berkeley.edu or uspho@berkeley.edu.