Scholar Mentorship Program FAQ's

What is the scholar mentorship program?

Scholar mentoring is a partnership through which a mentor shares knowledge and perspective to foster the personal and professional growth of a student mentee. Mentors are UC Berkeley faculty who volunteer their time for the program and believe in the importance of fostering a scholar's success at Berkeley.

How am I matched with my mentee?

The Undergraduate Scholarships, Prizes, and Honors Office (USPHO) matches entering scholars with mentors based on the intended major of the scholar, if possible. Scholars may be matched with the faculty member who interviewed them if requested.

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

The faculty mentor is intended to be a guide who is available to encourage and support the scholar's growth professionally and personally, a conversation which doesn't necessarily need to be restricted to common academic areas of interest. USPHO advises scholars to contact academic or major advisors with specific or logistical questions regarding course planning, major requirements, registration, etc.

Who initiates the first contact – mentor or mentee?

We suggest to scholars that they make the initial effort to contact their mentor by sending a short introductory email. However, the mentor is welcome to reach out upon receiving mentee contact information!

Where and how often do I meet with my mentee?

Some faculty choose to meet with their mentees individually in their offices, others prefer meeting as a group in a café (mentors often have multiple mentees) – there is no mandated location or frequency with which you must meet. This is a benefit that is offered to support scholars during their time at Cal, the format of which will differ based on the mentor and mentee. USPHO hosts multiple mentorship receptions during the year for mentors and mentees to meet and mingle.

Who should I contact with questions?

For Regents' and Chancellor's scholars, please contact Beth Berends (bberends@berkeley.edu)

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