

Tips on Mentoring Students for Academic Careers



Academic Guidance

- Take students to conferences to present their research and to network with other faculty
- Write a formal plan for student's research
- Write grant proposals with students; train to manage grant budget
- Provide at least one teaching experience
- Share teaching strategies

Your Perspective

- Tell students what you like about a career in academia
- Listen carefully to determine individual needs so your response is personal
- Share personal career experiences, successes, failures
- Discuss political situations you encounter and how you manage the issue
- Understand that no two women and no two people of any race or ethnicity are the same
- Take into consideration family complexities
- Include students in social activities

Concerns Specific to Underrepresented Students:

Comments from Faculty Mentors

- Role models and inclusion are critical
- Current system must promote success among underrepresented groups
- Recognize issues of racism and/or sexism

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