



# Finding mentors and Setting priorities.

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# A good mentor

- Encouraging.
- Responsive.
- Provide good academic advice.
- Help you planning your career strategically.
- Do research of your interest!
- With good scholarly reputation in your field.



# To Find your mentor

- Specify your own research interests.
- Collect information from your peers.
- Take courses with him/her.
- Attend departmental event introducing faculty research.
- Talk with potential mentors.
- Discuss funding if necessary.
- Job records of former students.



# Helpful academic guidance

- Keeping you posted on current literature, meetings, and news.
- Tips on writing skills.
- Archiving research records and disseminate them systematically.
- Determine authorship generously yet fairly.
- Choosing right journals and how to respond to referees.



# Career planning advice

- Set a time table.
- Inform you of pros and cons of different career tracks.
- Go through your application materials.
- Feedback on a dry run of your job talk.
- Assist you in the final decision.



# Last but not the least ...

- Help networking:
  - Introduce you to colloquium speakers.
  - Collaboration opportunities.
- Personal approaches:
  - Celebratory drink or meals for accomplishments!
- Serve as a role model.