

Mentor

a trusted friend, counselor or teacher, usually a more experienced person

Role of mentor

Students are seeking:

- Guidance in navigating the path from undergraduate and graduate student to professional scientist/academician/clinician
- Opportunities to become a member of a specific research team
- Advice on how to balance career and family
- Evaluation of ideas for potential areas of research
- Understanding available educational and career options
- Expertise in the areas of need identified by the mentee
- Networking (development of skills and professional contacts)

Specifically, we hope the mentor will:

- Learn about the student before arriving at the JEGM meeting through his/her CV or research abstract (the mentee is encouraged to make the initial contact)
- Meet the mentee at the Student Mixer on Wednesday May 12 (at JEGM2010)
- Be prepared to share and discuss educational, career or research objectives in a constructive manner
- Introduce the mentee to colleagues with similar interests to help the student establish a professional network
- Attend the poster or podium presentation of the mentee and provide feedback