Teaching, Research & Academic Mentoring Scheme

Now recruiting

University of St Andrews

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The highly successful cross-institutional mentoring scheme developed through collaboration between the University of St Andrews (OSDS) and the University of Dundee (OPD) has been running for over ten years. We are proud to now partner with Abertay University, Glasgow School of Art, the James Hutton Institute, Trinity College Dublin and Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh.

The Teaching, Research & Academic Mentoring Scheme pairs experienced Teaching and Research Academics (mentors) with colleagues at an earlier career stage (mentees), to provide guidance and structured support.

**What is mentoring?**

- **Mentee**
  - Process driven by the needs of the mentee
  - Defining developmental goals
  - Planning, action, progressing

- **Mentor**
  - Protected time
  - Commitment
  - Confidentiality, trust
  - Developmental, collaborative
  - Networking
  - Solutions focused

- **Mentee and Mentor**
  - Advise, guide
  - Counsel, empower
  - Support, advocate, encourage
  - Challenge, question

**Could you be a Mentor?**

- Senior or Principal Teaching Fellow / Senior Lecturer / PI / Reader / Professor
- Experienced in supervision
- Actively involved in Research and / or Teaching
- Interested in developing potential
- Would like to pass on your knowledge and experience
- Able to commit 1 hour per month for up to 12 months

**Could you be a Mentee?**

- Teacher and coach
- Critical friend
- Networker
- Sounding board
- Teacher and coach
- Supporter and advisor

**Benefits to the Mentee**

- Learn from an experienced colleague
- Assistance in career development planning
- Gain insight, knowledge, ideas and advice
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- Continue professional development
- Develop specific skills
- Extend your professional network
- Share knowledge and insight
- Fresh perspective
- Enable the next generation
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**Scheme launched**

- June / July

**Consider your mentoring goals**

- State your partnership preferences

**Briefing sessions**

- August / September
- Mentees: crystallise goals prior to matching
- Mentors: refresh your mentoring skills
- Applications close 31 August

**Matching process**

- September
- If a potential mentoring partnership can be identified a mentor / mentee match will be proposed

**Getting started sessions**

- October
- Once pairings are agreed, all participants are invited to an informal networking session
- Partnerships begin

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