Positive Mentoring Relationships and TGS Student Panel Discussion

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Today’s Goals

• Distinguishing between adviser and mentor
• Quick tips for a productive advising experience
• Mentoring as a partnership – new TGS guidelines
• Graduate student panel
Adviser

- Has been there
- On your side
- Not a magician/savior
- Often right and sometimes wrong
- Good and bad role model

Mentor

- Adviser
- Supporter
- Tutor
- Supervisor
- Trainer
- Sponsor
- Role Model
Mentoring as a Partnership

1. Institutional and program commitment
   - TGS and individual programs
2. Expectations of faculty
3. Expectations of graduate students
Quick Tips

• Explore the expectations for compatibility
• Identify your needs and schedule regular meetings
• Listen, accept criticism, consider suggestions, and defend your ideas in a professional manner
• Find the gaps in your mentorship and fill the gaps with more mentors
• If a change needs to occur, be professional and realize it is not uncommon
• When in doubt – ask for help!
• READ YOUR EMAILS
Guidance Forms

- Faculty Adviser Commitment
- Graduate Student Commitment