

Mentoring Activities and Topics

The following list represents a compilation of activities, topics and mutual interests that are possible for exploration within a mentoring partnership. These are merely *examples* of the kinds of things from which new faculty members can benefit. No single relationship can engage in all of these activities.

Mentoring pairs or teams must decide for themselves, which of these activities or topics will be a part of their discussions.

Mentoring Topics/Activities

Research

- Read and respond to grant proposals
- Advice on establishing a publication record
- Conference involvement and selection
- Recruitment of undergraduate and graduate students
- Research group organization

Teaching

- Preparing for excellence in teaching
- Creating a teaching portfolio
- Review and design of syllabi
- Publication of education-related papers
- Work on strategies for advising students
- Classroom management

Professional Service

- Committee involvement
- Professional organization involvement

Community Service

- Outreach for UAlbany as an institution
- Community involvement, organizations, charities
- Neighborhood organizations

Tenure and Promotion Issues

- Prepare CVs and renewals
- Create a professional file
- Communicate and explore Tenure and Promotion expectations

UAlbany/College/Departmental Environment and Acculturation

- Departmental funding
- Development of collegial relationships
- Associations, teams, interest groups, etc. in department or college
- Resources available at UAlbany for faculty

Mutual interests and experiences

Family and Balance Issues

- Single and childless
- Faculty spouse
- Single parent
- Childcare responsibilities and options
- Eldercare responsibilities and options

Culture and Religion

- Local arts and music
- Churches, church groups and related activities
- Ethnic events, festivals, resources

Personal Interests

- Hiking
- Camping
- Bicycling
- Handicrafts
- Antiques
- Other?