Mentoring & Advising
Ph.D. Students

ADVISORS
Primary formal advisor is the one faculty member who serves in an official capacity as your academic advisor or research supervisor

HAVE A FORMAL ADVISOR

93% n=1092

AVERAGE # OF MEETINGS PER QUARTER n=1000

- 0: 3.1%
- 1-2: 25.5%
- 3-4: 18.2%
- 5-6: 12.2%
- 6+: 41.0%

ADVISOR RELATIONSHIPS % “agree” or “strongly agree” n=999*

- 93% Advocates and supports me in completing my degree
- 84% Focused on helping me gain professional skills
- 90% Supports my professional/career goals
- 73% Comfortable approaching about a variety of career paths
- 84% Comfortable approaching for assistance in getting on track with progress
- 80% Seems genuinely interested in my personal well-being
- 68% Aware of and supportive of my financial well-being
- 69% Helps me establish a timetable

MENTORSHIP
A mentor is an individual, who may or may not be the students’ advisor, to whom they turn for advice; information on the academic discipline; general, emotional, or professional support; career guidance; help with a paper; a model of ethical behavior and values; opportunities to collaborate; and introduction to others in the field.

SOURCE OF MENTORS n=1077

- At UCLA: 32.9%
- Outside: 10.0%
- Both: 40.3%
- I don’t have one: 16.8%

MENTOR RELATIONSHIPS % “agree” or “strongly agree”

- 82% I consider my Advisor a Mentor
- 74% I have a mentor with whom I can discuss personal challenges
- 36% I have difficulty finding mentors at UCLA with whom I identify n=878*
CAREER SUPPORT & DEVELOPMENT

SATISFACTION WITH SUPPORT  % “agree” or “strongly agree”  n=1057*

At UCLA, I have received sufficient guidance/assistance with obtaining...

- Information on how to secure financial support for graduate work: 62.6%
- Information on how to pursue professional development opportunities related to an academic career: 77.1%
- Information on how to pursue professional development opportunities related to a non-academic career: 58.6%
- Support for exploring careers that are of interests to me: 63.0%

TOP SOURCES FOR INFORMATION OR SUPPORT

WHAT OR WHO WAS THE SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON...  % “selecting”  n=1050*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Securing Financial Support</th>
<th>Professional Development Opportunities Academic</th>
<th>Professional Development Opportunities Non-Academic</th>
<th>Career Exploration</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>56.9% Department Staff</td>
<td>49.9% Advisor</td>
<td>35.2% Peers</td>
<td>35.2% Peers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>47.0% Advisor</td>
<td>36.4% Peers</td>
<td>30.6% Career Center</td>
<td>31.3% Advisor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>42.2% Peers</td>
<td>35.5% Other Faculty</td>
<td>23.3% Department Staff</td>
<td>23.3% No One</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

‡Ph.D. Students are defined as students in doctoral degree granting programs granting Ph.D. and other doctorates (e.g., EdD, DMA, SJD, etc.). This excludes students in MD, JD, and DDS granting programs.

*Average respondents per question block