Mentoring & Advising

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

60.5%

n=1141

AVERAGE # OF MEETINGS PER QUARTER n=678

0 19.9%
1-2 41.6%
3-4 13.4%
5-6 7.2%
6+ 17.8%

ADVISOR RELATIONSHIPS % “agree” or “strongly agree” n=668*

85% Advocates and supports me in completing my degree
79% Focused on helping me gain professional skills
85% Supports my professional/career goals
77% Comfortable approaching about a variety of career paths
82% Comfortable approaching for assistance in getting on track with progress
78% Seems genuinely interested in my personal well-being
62% Aware of and supportive of my financial well-being
64% Helps me establish a timetable

MENTOR RELATIONSHIPS % “agree” or “strongly agree”

56% I consider my Advisor a Mentor
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SOURCE OF MENTORS n=1128

At UCLA 17.0%
Outside 25.5%
Both 36.7%
I don’t have one 20.7%

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Source: GPSS 2017
CAREER SUPPORT & DEVELOPMENT

SATISFACTION WITH SUPPORT  % “agree” or “strongly agree”  n=1090*
At UCLA, I have received sufficient guidance/assistance with obtaining...

- Information on how to secure financial support for graduate work: 52.6%
- Information on how to pursue professional development opportunities related to an academic career: 66.8%
- Information on how to pursue professional development opportunities related to a non-academic career: 65.5%
- Support for exploring careers that are of interests to me: 72.3%

TOP SOURCES FOR INFORMATION OR SUPPORT
WHAT OR WHO WAS THE SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON...  % “selecting”  n=354*

- Securing Financial Support
  - 43.7% Department Staff
  - 26.3% Peers
  - 24.1% No One

- Professional Development Opportunities Academic
  - 34.1% Department Staff
  - 26.8% Other Faculty
  - 30.4% Department Staff

- Professional Development Opportunities Non-Academic
  - 33.4% Peers
  - 33.0% Career Center
  - 31.0% Department Staff

- Career Exploration
  - 36.7% Peers
  - 31.3% Career Center

‡Professional Masters Students are students in a master degree granting programs NOT granting MA’s or MS’s. Master degree granting programs in this category include but are not limited to M.Ed, MSW, MPH, MBA, etc..

*Average respondents per question block