

DRP Mentor Guidelines

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1 Mentor Expectations

Mentors are expected to meet with their students once a week for an hour and make sure that their students are making progress on their projects. Mentors should let the organizers know ASAP about any issue that arises such as a student missing meetings without notice or students not doing work. Mentors are also expected to attend the presentations at the end of the semester.

1.1 Being an effective mentor

- Be patient and understanding. Remember that the student is likely not as experienced as you are.
- Be encouraging. It is easy to get discouraged when learning new material.
- Be flexible. The student may not be interested in the project you initially proposed. Be open to changing the project to better suit the student's interests.
- Be a good listener. Make sure that you are listening to the student's concerns and questions.
- Be a good communicator. Make sure that you are communicating your expectations clearly to the student.
- Listening is more important than talking. Students might come with questions that you don't know the answer to. That's okay! You can learn together. There is nothing wrong with not knowing the answer to a question. This is about guiding the student to find the answer, even if it is not immediately apparent to you.