

2017 Graduate and Professional Student Survey

ADVISING AND MENTORSHIP

Your primary formal advisor is the one faculty member who serves in an official capacity as your academic advisor or research supervisor. Do you have a formal advisor?

Yes	No	Total
70.0%	30.0%	100.0%
2013	861	2874

On average, how many times a quarter do you meet individually with your advisor?

Note: This question was only asked to respondents who answered 'Yes' on previous question.

0 times	1-2 times	3-4 times	5-6 times	More than 6 times	Total
10.4%	34.3%	16.4%	9.7%	29.3%	100.0%
206	677	323	191	578	1975

Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements regarding your relationship with your academic advisor.

Note: This question was only asked to respondents who answered 'Yes', they have a formal advisor.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Total
My advisor advocates for me and supports me in completing my degree	3.8%	6.2%	41.1%	48.9%	100.0%
	75	122	808	962	1967
My advisor is focused on helping me gain the professional skills needed to be successful in my field	5.2%	12.1%	42.7%	40.0%	100.0%
	102	238	836	784	1960
My advisor supports my professional/career goals	4.0%	7.4%	45.5%	43.2%	100.0%
	78	145	890	845	1958
I feel comfortable approaching my advisor about a variety of career paths	6.8%	17.0%	39.4%	36.7%	100.0%
	134	333	774	721	1962
I would feel comfortable approaching my faculty advisor for assistance in getting on track with my academic progress	5.0%	10.9%	43.1%	41.0%	100.0%
	98	215	846	806	1965
My advisor seems genuinely interested in my personal well-being	6.5%	13.1%	38.7%	41.7%	100.0%
	127	257	759	818	1961
My advisor is aware of and supportive of my financial wellbeing	10.9%	23.4%	37.3%	28.4%	100.0%
	213	458	730	557	1958
My advisor helps me establish a timetable for the tasks of my graduate training	9.2%	22.4%	39.0%	29.4%	100.0%
	180	439	764	575	1958

A mentor is an individual, who may or may not be your advisor, to whom you 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. Please mark the response that best represents the source of your mentors:

At UCLA	Outside UCLA	Both at UCLA and outside	I do not have anyone I would consider a mentor	Total
24.4%	19.1%	37.3%	19.2%	100.0%
692	543	1058	546	2839

Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements regarding your mentor(s).

Note: Item not asked to respondents reporting they do not have a mentor on last item.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Total
I would consider my academic advisor a mentor	10.6%	22.6%	40.1%	26.7%	100.0%
	233	498	883	588	2202
I have a mentor with whom I can discuss personal challenges	5.2%	19.0%	48.8%	27.0%	100.0%
	116	421	1083	600	2220
I have difficulty finding mentors at UCLA with whom I identify	13.6%	45.6%	31.6%	9.3%	100.0%
	302	1012	701	206	2221

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following: At UCLA, I have received sufficient guidance/assistance with obtaining...

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Not Applicable	Total
Information on how to secure financial support for my graduate work	9.4%	24.2%	40.7%	15.4%	10.3%	100.0%
	259	670	1124	426	285	2764
Information on how to pursue professional development opportunities related to an academic career	5.1%	16.6%	48.1%	22.4%	7.8%	100.0%
	140	456	1326	618	215	2755
Information on how to pursue professional development opportunities related to non-academic careers	8.4%	23.1%	42.5%	20.3%	5.7%	100.0%
	230	637	1170	560	156	2753
Support for exploring careers that are of interest to me	5.7%	20.8%	46.6%	21.8%	5.2%	100.0%
	157	571	1281	599	143	2751

What or who was...

The source of information on how to secure financial support for my graduate work?

Advisor	Other faculty	Department staff	Career center	Peers	Non-Faculty mentors	Other	No one; Did not get this information
27.1%	16.5%	47.0%	10.4%	30.7%	6.9%	9.4%	19.2%
742	453	1289	284	843	189	257	527

The source of information on how to pursue professional development opportunities related to an academic career?

Advisor	Other faculty	Department staff	Career center	Peers	Non-Faculty mentors	Other	No one; Did not get this information
33.5%	29.9%	32.7%	24.7%	29.2%	7.4%	6.1%	16.8%
920	819	896	678	801	203	168	462

The source of information on how to pursue professional development opportunities related to non-academic careers?

Advisor	Other faculty	Department staff	Career center	Peers	Non-Faculty mentors	Other	No one; Did not get this information
15.5%	18.9%	26.2%	31.8%	32.3%	11.7%	9.6%	20.1%
424	519	718	872	885	322	264	551

The source of support for exploring careers that are interest to you?

Advisor	Other faculty	Department staff	Career center	Peers	Non-Faculty mentors	Other	No one; Did not get this information
24.6%	23.0%	25.6%	28.0%	34.5%	12.6%	10.8%	18.6%
675	632	703	768	945	346	297	510

Note: Respondents could choose more than one response on these items, so response percentages do not sum to 100% for each question. Rather, the percentage reflects the number of responses over total number of respondents (2743).