

Homework 2. Due by 11:59pm on Sunday 9/10.

Building and maintaining healthy mentor/mentee relationships

Read pages 4–7 of *On Being a Scientist*. Write brief answers to the following questions, by editing the tex file available at <https://github.com/ionides/810f23>, and submit the resulting pdf file via Canvas. We are particularly concerned with the mentorship relationship between a PhD student and their thesis adviser, but you may also consider the broader academic context.

Note: declaring material copied from sources (ChatGPT; direct quotation from the course textbook; Wikipedia; etc) prevents a breach of RCRS. However, it does not guarantee a good answer, or even an adequate one. You are expected to demonstrate that you have thought about the question. A sentence of your own thoughts can show this better than three sentences copied from a source. Combining sources with your own thoughts can give excellent answers, but a brief answer is sufficient.

1. What roles do mentorship relationships play in professional development of PhD students?

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2. What do the mentee and mentor gain from the relationship?

YOUR ANSWER HERE

3. Describe a situation in which the interests of the mentor and mentee are aligned. In RCRS contexts, “interest” corresponds to meaning 11 of <https://www.dictionary.com/browse/interest> (benefit, advantage).

YOUR ANSWER HERE

4. Describe a situation in which the interests of the mentor and mentee are conflicting.

YOUR ANSWER HERE

5. How are mentorship relationships initiated? E.g., how do you find a thesis adviser?

YOUR ANSWER HERE

6. Collaboration: What are the advantages and disadvantages for an aspiring statistician of building a mentorship relationship with a researcher who is not a statistician? This could be in addition to, or instead of, having a mentor who is a statistician.

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7. Describe a way in which a mentorship relationship can turn unhealthy. What warning signs should one look for? What actions can one take?

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8. A graduate student instructor (GSI) can receive mentorship from the faculty instructor. What are the benefits of building a constructive professional relationship while teaching?