

How to be an Effective Mentor

- Do be clear about your motives for helping your student. If you're not sure yourself, the student will get mixed messages from you
- Don't give up if your student resists your help. He/she may not immediately recognize the value of what you have to offer
- Do look after your students needs, but consider your own as well. Be certain about what you want from the relationship and what you're willing to give
- Don't force your student to follow in your footsteps. If the footsteps fit, he/she will follow them voluntarily. Value the students unique path and where he/she is on that path
- Do be prepared for the relationship to end. The successful mentor-student cycle requires that the student moves on and the relationship either ends or takes a different form
- Don't have a preconceived plan for the final outcome of your relationship