

Mentoring Guidance

The **primary role** of the APUC mentor is to:

- Provide examples from their own experiences on developing solutions for real world scientific problems.
- Act as a sounding board* for the team.
- Provide encouragement.
- Provide a few sentences on team working which will contribute toward 20% of the overall score.

The mentor **should**:

- Provide an open and supportive relationship for their team.
- Serve as a role model.

The mentor **should not**:

- Be obliged to give more time than is allocated. This is stated as a maximum of **two one-hour** sessions. Any additional support is at the discretion of the mentors.
- Provide the ideas and solutions to the team challenge.
- Design or write material for the presentation outputs.
- Provide pastoral support. The university has procedures to follow around [Wellbeing](#). If any issues do arise, please let the SPO team know immediately.
- Deal with incidents or bullying allegations. The university has a process that can be found [here](#). Any incidents should be reported to the SPO immediately.

*person that you use to test something such as a new idea or suggestion to see if they will accept it or if they think it will work