CLAS Mentors

CLAS Mentors are senior faculty who are ready to assist colleagues who think they could benefit from collegial input on their research, publication, proposal, teaching, or career path.

Here’s how it works:

- CLAS Mentors have made themselves available to junior and mid-career faculty who want to consult on specific projects or questions.
- This opportunity supplements departmental mentoring arrangements, thereby helping you to expand your mentoring network.
- The consultation is intended to be project-specific, not long-term, mentoring.
- CLAS Mentors can advise you on
  - Specific projects, such as a publication or proposal, a grant or fellowship application, or a research agenda.
  - Issues such as teaching, work-life balance, preparing for promotion or tenure, and so on.
- Identify a CLAS Mentor who can advise you on the kind of project or issue that you’d like to discuss.
- Contact the individual directly to let them know of your interest and arrange a follow up.

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Promotion to full Professor
Career Development
Work/Life Balance
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Book Publishing  
Teaching  
Career Development  
Work/Life Balance  
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Journal Publishing  
Book Publishing  
Teaching  
Work/Life Balance
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Journal Publishing  
Book Publishing  
Applications/Proposals for Funding (Grants, Contracts, Fellowships)  
Career Development  
Work/Life Balance

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Journal Publishing  
Book Publishing  
Teaching  
Work/Life Balance
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Promotion to full Professor  
Journal Publishing  
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Teaching  
Career Development  
Work/Life Balance  
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Journal Publishing
Applications/Proposals for Funding (Grants, Contracts, Fellowships)
Career Development
Other: Mentoring of doctoral students

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Journal Publishing
Applications/Proposals for Funding (Grants, Contracts, Fellowships)
Teaching

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Tenure and promotion to Associate Professor
Promotion to full Professor
Journal Publishing
Applications/Proposals for Funding (Grants, Contracts, Fellowships)
Teaching
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Promotion to full Professor  
Journal publishing  
Applications/Proposals for Funding (Grants, Contracts, Fellowships)  
Teaching  
Career Development

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Promotion to full Professor
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Tenure and promotion to Associate Professor
Promotion to full Professor
Journal publishing
Applications/Proposals for Funding (Grants, Contracts, Fellowships)
Teaching
Work/Life Balance
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Tenure and promotion to Associate Professor
Book Publishing
Teaching
Career Development
Work/Life Balance
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Book Publishing  
Applications/Proposals for Funding (Grants, Contracts, Fellowships)  
Teaching  
Work/Life Balance  
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Promotion to full Professor  
Career Development
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Tenure and promotion to Associate Professor
Promotion to full Professor
Journal Publishing
Book Publishing
Applications/Proposals for Funding (Grants, Contracts, Fellowships)
Teaching
Career Development
Other: Not specified

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Tenure and promotion to Associate Professor
Promotion to full Professor
Journal Publishing
Applications/Proposals for Funding (Grants, Contracts, Fellowships)
Work/Life Balance