

TRIO Scholars Graduate School Mentoring Program

The primary role of the mentor program is to pair established UCR graduate students with current UCR undergraduates who are interested in pursuing graduate school. The goal is to build professional development skills, assist students in applying to graduate school, understand what to expect from a graduate program, and foster a community of future leaders at UCR. Graduate Mentors will develop a one-on-mentoring relationship with a TRIO Scholar and share knowledge and experiences. Graduate mentors should make an effort to anticipate the needs of their mentees, but also remain open to engaging in conversations about topics the mentees feel are important to them at the time. Ideally, mentors serve as both personal and professional support for their mentees.

We expect this experience to be as valuable for the graduate mentors as it is for the mentees. As a mentor, this is an opportunity to give back to the UCR Community, to support the next generation of educators, in addition to gain leadership, coaching, and mentorship experience that will deepen the graduate school experience while also furthering your career path.

The TRIO Scholars Graduate Mentor position is an **unpaid volunteer position**.

Description of TRIO Scholars:

UCR [TRIO Scholars](#), also known as Student Support Services (SSS), is dedicated to opening the door of opportunity. The program is federally funded by a grant from the [U.S. Department of Education](#). TRIO Scholars focuses on improving retention and graduation rates of first-generation, income-qualified students and students with disabilities. The 140 TRIO Scholar participants gain academic, social, personal and career support from entry into the program until graduation.

Success at UC Riverside is not the endgame for TRIO Scholar participants. The program strives to provide the contacts and networking opportunities necessary for success beyond graduation as well.

The following are the specific requirements and general expectations of the responsibilities of a TRIO Scholars Graduate Mentor.

A. Requirements

1. Be a UCR Graduate Student
 2. Commit to mentor throughout 2022-2023 academic school year (Fall-Spring quarters)
 3. Be able to meet with student(s) AT LEAST two times per quarter
 4. Attend the Graduate Mentor Orientation (Preferred) on either of the following dates
 - Thursday, September 8th from 4pm-5pm
 - Friday, September 9th from 9am-10am
- or* Watch a recording of the Graduate Mentor Orientation and complete an over the phone meeting/zoom meeting to review expectations, responsibilities, and answer any questions by Wednesday, September 14th.
5. Meet with the Educational Advisor at the end of the undergraduate Spring quarter and complete a program evaluation.

B. Expectations/Responsibilities

1. Meet with mentee(s) two times during the fall, winter, and spring quarters for at least 45 minutes.
2. Document contacts with TRIO Scholars.

3. Contribute to the TRIO Scholars community by sharing ideas and information with the staff of TRIO Scholars.
4. Share experiences to orient students into their first year of graduate school.
5. Use meetings to discuss graduate program selection, revise graduate school application materials, or to give advice and answer questions regarding post-graduation possibilities.
6. Provide a nurturing environment for students to feel comfortable asking any questions/assistance regarding graduate school or post-graduation plan.
7. Conduct self in an honest, conscientious, professional, and courteous manner at all times; showing respect for persons of all backgrounds, races, genders, interests, and abilities.
8. Serve as a role model by abiding by all University and TRIO Scholars policies.
9. Support the goals and philosophies of the TRIO Scholars.