

Professional Liaison Network Postgraduate Mentoring FAQs

Can I take part in one of the Professional Liaison Network mentoring schemes?

Anyone on the MSc Psychology of Education, MSc Public Policy and MSc Banking, Regulation and Financial Stability programmes can sign up to the relevant mentoring scheme!

If I take part in a mentoring scheme, how will this fit with my timetable and studies?

We ensure that student's timetables are considered first and foremost when they sign up to any of our activities. We work closely with mentors when they sign up to the mentoring scheme to make sure that they are aware of this. The scheme is designed to be light touch, consisting of three meetings with your mentor, and we have found that students taking part generally find this very manageable.

What is the role of the mentor?

Our mentors are all professionals with experience in a sector, organisation or career that is relevant to your academic discipline. They have offered to draw on that experience to provide you support and insight. They will often be a graduate of your academic discipline, or one that is closely related, and many mentors are University of Bristol alumni.

What kind of organisations do your mentors work in?

We work with a wide range of organisations; from charities to corporates, and SMEs to public sector. Our previous mentors have worked in organisations including:

- Psychology of Education - CAMHS, University Hospitals Bristol, various local authorities and private practice
- Public Policy - UK Research and Innovation, The Welsh Government, Cabinet Office, United Nations, Centre for Sustainable Energy
- Banking, Regulation and Financial Stability - Bank of England

How do I sign up to take part?

We email all eligible students when the schemes launch with instructions on how to sign up - generally this is just an online form to complete.

How do you match students and mentors?

When students sign up, we usually send them our mentors' bios and ask them to rank their first, second and third choice of mentor, and let us know whether they are open to being matched with any of the others.