Roles for the Research Mentor

Objective: Students will consider the different roles their research mentors play and reflect on which are most important to them.

Consider the different roles of research mentors listed below. Add other roles that may be missing from the list. Prioritize these roles according to your expectations, with #1 as the most important.

Role	Priority
Teach by example	
Train you in disciplinary research	
Improve your writing and communication skills	
Provide growth experiences	
Help build your self-confidence as a researcher	
Model and promote professional behavior	
Inspire	
Offer encouragement	
Assist with advancement of your career	
Facilitate networking with colleagues	
Help build the bridge between research and clinical work	
Other:	
Other:	
Other:	
Other:	
Other:	

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