

Mentoring EES 2008

Why a mentoring program?

In the EES master program, we encourage and support our students to be independent early-on. As a student, you are given the possibility to decide on where to do your independent research trainings (IRT's) and your master thesis. In addition, you can choose which courses you take in the 2nd and 3rd semester. Your mentor volunteered to discuss your choices with you and he / she can also help you with your decision what to after your graduated from our master program. For example, your mentor can advice you on how to get a PhD (or other) position.

How and what?

Your mentor can only help you if you support him/her to help you. You should meet regularly with your mentor and tell him/her about how you like your courses, how your IRT is going and what you are planning for the up-coming semester. Meeting with your mentor also allows you to communicate and discuss problems with your classes or teachers. In the beginning, you will probably arrange more or less official meetings, later you may just ask a short question by e-mail or phone.

Rules

- * You should meet with your mentor at least twice per semester. At the end of the semester, you should discuss your plans for the next semester. At the beginning of the semester, you should discuss the results of your last semester.
- * If you apply for a travel grant or if you want to do an external course or IRT (at another university), you should discuss this with your mentor (and he/she should write a short support e-mail).
- * If you plan to do your master thesis with your mentor, you have to choose a new mentor.

Tips

- * Don't confuse seeing your mentor in a course with having a real mentoring meeting. A mentoring meeting means it is just the two of you and you have at least half an hour time.
- * Before each meeting, tell your mentor (per e-mail) what you would like to discuss.
- * After each meeting, write down (for your own record) what you have discussed.
- * Don't forget that your mentor should advice you, but in the end it is you that takes the decisions.