

Working with students

modified from R. Allen-King and other Cutting Edge resources

- Ask about & respect their goals
- Spend quality time – in lab, office or field
- Have a weekly check-in or lab meeting
- Define student topics carefully and together
- Help students manage their projects (provide a lab notebook, guide them on goal setting and time management)
- Keep a library of materials/books they they can check out about scientific careers, writing, teaching, etc.
- Find ways to merge teaching and research (how efficient!)
- Help them identify avenues of support and community– writing groups, lab partners, help in the field
- Celebrate accomplishments!

Guidelines for students:

Common Themes

- What can the student expect of the mentor?
- What does the mentor expect of the student?
- This is not a contract; it can be flexible and evolve over time
- See examples provided...

Guidelines for students

- What are the most important priorities/values that you want to convey to students who work with you?
- What kind of “culture” are you striving to achieve?
- What are your goals for students in your group?
