

# UK-Ukraine Academic Mentoring

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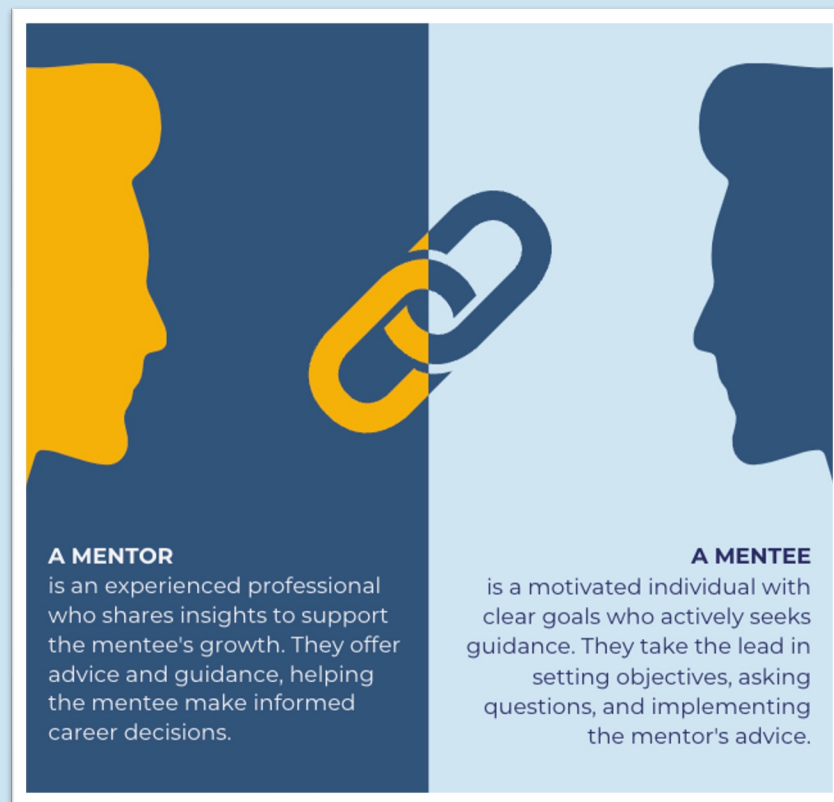
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# Our Support

We are a community group of volunteer academics and students around the world.

Our mission is to collect and disseminate information about support opportunities at the university, national, and international level for graduate students and researchers directly affiliated with an academic institution in Ukraine.



# UK Academic Mentoring Scheme

## Support in:

- career planning
- networking and profile building
- CVs and applications
- publication process
- academic writing
- securing research funding (UK-funders)
- promotion and progression

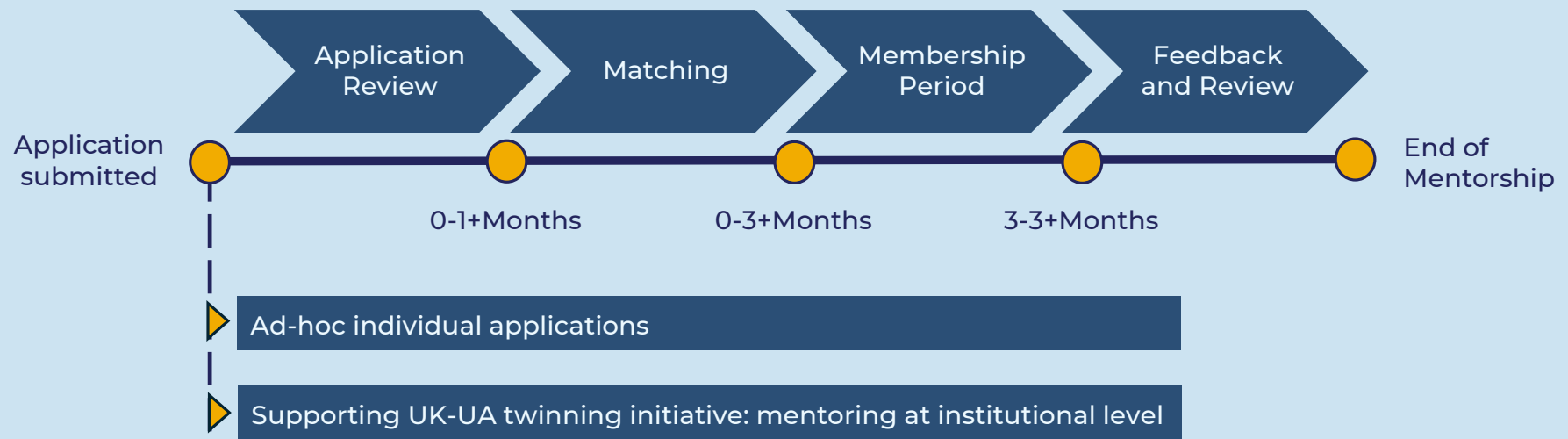
## UK MENTOR - UA MENTEE

Appropriate career stage and similar research areas

## What is not covered:

- immigration advice
- financial advice
- financial contributions
- pastoral support

# Mentoring Programme Timeline





### WHY JOIN AS A MENTOR?

- Share knowledge and experience
- Fresh insights
- Professional network
- Potential new collaborative projects



### WHY JOIN AS A MENTEE?

Personalised support to foster international collaboration and open research

### WHY JOIN AS AN INSTITUTION?

- Improve quality and capacity of research
- Extend collaborations and links
- International collaborations
- Access to funding opportunities (e.g., UKRI)
- Impact





Mentors and mentees can:

- sign up quickly and easily
- input their research interests and career stage it allows for an easy way to match potential pairs
- set time for the mentorship
- schedule meetings and keep up records
- provide feedback

At present the pairing is done manually by the Science for Ukraine Team

A future aim is for the pairing to be done by individual signing in

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## Registration

Step 1 of 2: Your Profile

**UK ACADEMIC MENTORING**

**First Name:**

**Last Name:**

**Email Address:**

**New Password:** must be at least 8 characters long

**Town or City:**

**Job Title:**

**Introduce Yourself in a Sentence:**

**Your email address:**

**Date of obtaining the PhD qualification (if no PhD please write n/a):**

**Please give us up to "six" main key words describing your studies or research:**

**What is your affiliation (the exact Institution/company you work at, e.g., University of Stirling?):**

**What is your most recent job title (e.g. Research Fellow or PhD student):**

**Your main area of study/research:**

**What mentoring type would you like to offer?:**

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**Organisation Notice**

Confidentiality statement: Information provided and discussed between the mentor and the mentee will remain confidential and not be disclosed to any third party without the explicit written consent of both the mentor and the mentee. Both mentor and the mentee agree to provide general feedback to the coordinators to effectively evaluate and develop the UK Academic Mentoring scheme and to When additional support is required to approach the coordinators for assistance and to discuss any problems and concerns with the coordinators. Code of Conduct: Please follow our code of conduct which is in spirit as much as in letter, to create a friendly and productive environment that enriches the #ScienceForUkraine - UK Mentoring program community.

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# Expectations

## What you will do:

- identify representatives:
- disseminate information
- report and discuss what you would like to improve next
- advertise the scheme

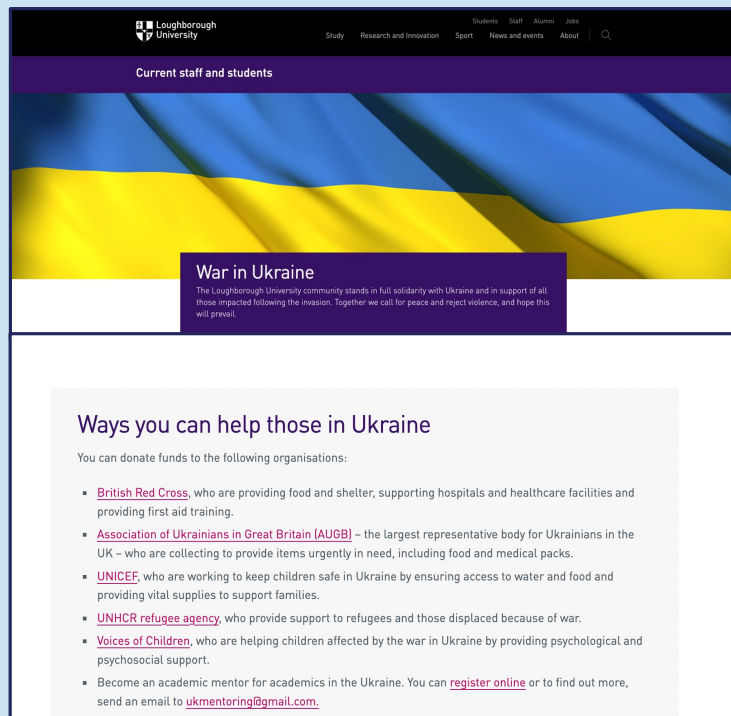
## What we provide:

- + matching
- + leaflets and materials
- + general statistics





# Advertising (examples)



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## War in Ukraine

The Loughborough University community stands in full solidarity with Ukraine and in support of all those impacted following the invasion. Together we call for peace and reject violence, and hope this will prevail.

### Ways you can help those in Ukraine

You can donate funds to the following organisations:

- [British Red Cross](#), who are providing food and shelter, supporting hospitals and healthcare facilities and providing first aid training.
- [Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain \(AUGB\)](#) – the largest representative body for Ukrainians in the UK – who are collecting to provide items urgently in need, including food and medical packs.
- [UNICEF](#), who are working to keep children safe in Ukraine by ensuring access to water and food and providing vital supplies to support families.
- [UNHCR refugee agency](#), who provide support to refugees and those displaced because of war.
- [Voices of Children](#), who are helping children affected by the war in Ukraine by providing psychological and psychosocial support.
- Become an academic mentor for academics in the Ukraine. You can [register online](#) or to find out more, send an email to [ukmentoring@gmail.com](mailto:ukmentoring@gmail.com).



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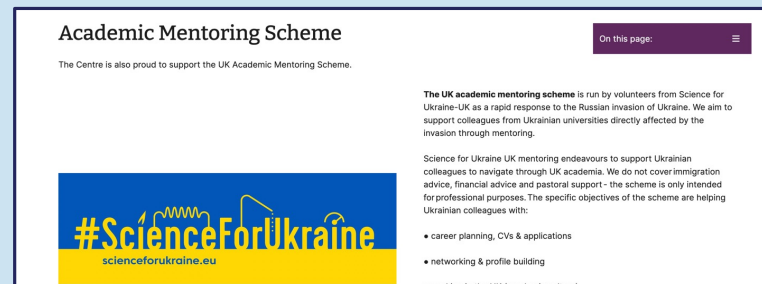
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## International Justice and Human Rights Centre

The International Justice and Human Rights Research Centre provides a forum for research in international criminal law, international humanitarian law, human rights law, public international law, international conflict and security law, migration, criminal justice and human rights. It includes members from both academia and the legal profession.



**Academic Mentoring Scheme**


On this page:

The Centre is also proud to support the UK Academic Mentoring Scheme.

**The UK academic mentoring scheme** is run by volunteers from Science for Ukraine-UK as a rapid response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. We aim to support colleagues from Ukrainian universities directly affected by the invasion through mentoring.

Science for Ukraine UK mentoring endeavours to support Ukrainian colleagues to navigate through UK academia. We do not cover immigration advice, financial advice and pastoral support - the scheme is only intended for professional purposes. The specific objectives of the scheme are helping Ukrainian colleagues with:

- career planning, CVs & applications
- networking & profile building



# Advertising (examples)

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Attend the Go Abroad Fair

New seed fund launched with Cornell University

Una Europa Starter Fund

Global partnerships

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Are you a UK academic willing to make an impact? 

**WHAT IS UK-UKRAINE MENTORING SCHEME?**  
Mentoring is a time-limited, goal-oriented relationship that supports skill and career development through confidential one-on-one conversations. It involves an experienced person (a mentor) providing guidance and support to another person (mentee).

**WHY JOIN AS A MENTOR?**

As a mentor, you'll have the chance to share your knowledge and experience, helping your Ukrainian colleagues in a variety of areas. In return, you'll gain fresh insights, broaden your horizons, expand your professional network and potentially build some new collaborative projects.

Register as a Mentor



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Наставництво для науковців та викладачів з України 

**ЩО ТАКЕ БРИТАНСЬКО-УКРАЇНСЬКА ПРОГРАМА НАСТАВНИЦТВА?**  
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Отримайте безцінну підтримку від британських викладачів та науковців у питаннях планування кар'єри, нетворкінгу, британської академічної культури, публікування наукових статей, фінансування досліджень та професійного розвитку.

Зареєструйтесь



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Долучіться до міжнародної наукової спільноти!

Мова спілкування – англійська. Наставники зазвичай не розмовляють українською.

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Ми — група волонтерів (науковців, викладачів та студентів) з усього світу. Наша місія — збирати та поширювати інформацію про можливості підтримки аспірантів та науковців на рівні університетів, на національному та міжнародному рівнях. За підтримки 

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### MUTUAL EXPECTATIONS FOR A POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP

**Respect and Professionalism:** Both parties should foster a respectful, inclusive, and professional environment.

**Confidentiality:** Information shared during mentorship should remain private unless both parties agree otherwise.

**Feedback and Flexibility:** Provide honest and constructive feedback. Be flexible and understanding of each other's commitments and constraints.

**Shared Responsibility:**

- **Mentees:** Take ownership of your development and drive the relationship.
- **Mentors:** Guide and support without taking on the mentee's responsibilities.

**HANDLING CHALLENGES**

- If conflicts or misunderstandings arise, address them early with open communication.
- If a resolution isn't possible, contact the programme coordinators for assistance.

**END OF MENTORSHIP**

- Reflect together on what was achieved and what could be improved.
- Complete the programme's feedback form to help enhance future mentorships.



### SUPPORTING YOUR MENTEE EFFECTIVELY

**Provide guidance, not direct solutions**  
Encourage critical thinking by asking questions and offering insights rather than prescriptive answers.

**Listen actively:**

Understand your mentee's goals, challenges, and cultural context. Be approachable and open to questions.

**Set clear boundaries**

Discuss expectations for communication frequency, meeting times, and the scope of the mentorship. Maintain professionalism and mutual respect.

**Share expertise and resources**

Offer constructive feedback on academic work, career planning, or other agreed areas.  
Share relevant tools, reading materials, or contacts:

**Celebrate progress:**

Acknowledge and encourage your mentee's accomplishments. Help them reflect on their growth and plan next steps.

*As a mentor, your role is to provide guidance, share your expertise, and support your mentee in achieving their academic and professional goals.*

GUIDELINES FOR MENTORS



### MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR MENTORSHIP

**Take initiative**

Schedule meetings with your mentor and prepare an agenda in advance. Be clear about your goals and the type of support you seek (e.g., career planning, academic writing, networking).

**Communicate**

Share your aspirations, challenges, and progress honestly. Be receptive to feedback and willing to ask questions.

**Set clear goals**

Collaborate with your mentor to define achievable short-term and long-term goals. Regularly review and update your progress.

**Stay engaged**

Actively follow through on advice and suggestions. Maintain consistent communication to keep the mentorship productive.

**Respect time and confidentiality**

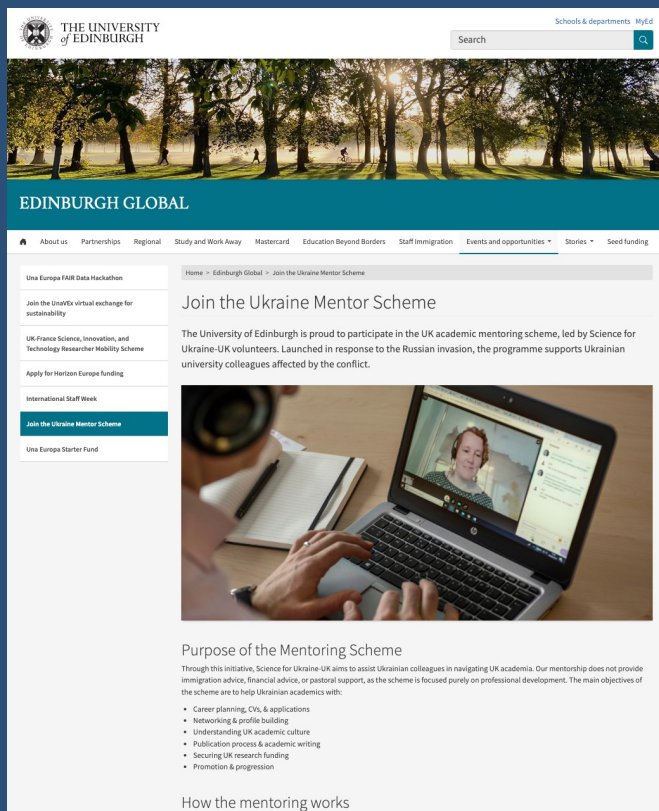
Treat discussions as private unless agreed otherwise. Be punctual, prepared, and notify your mentor in advance if rescheduling is needed.

*As a mentee, you play an active role in your mentoring relationship*

GUIDELINES FOR MENTEEES



# Visibility and Recognition



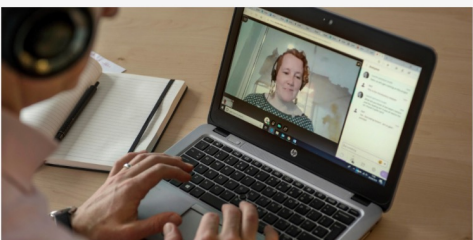
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## Join the Ukraine Mentor Scheme

The University of Edinburgh is proud to participate in the UK academic mentoring scheme, led by Science for Ukraine-UK volunteers. Launched in response to the Russian invasion, the programme supports Ukrainian university colleagues affected by the conflict.



**Purpose of the Mentoring Scheme**

Through this initiative, Science for Ukraine-UK aims to assist Ukrainian colleagues in navigating UK academia. Our mentorship does not provide immigration advice, financial advice, or pastoral support, as the scheme is focused purely on professional development. The main objectives of the scheme are to help Ukrainian academics with:

- Career planning, CVs, & applications
- Networking & profile building
- Understanding UK academic culture
- Publication process & academic writing
- Securing UK research funding
- Promotion & progression

How the mentoring works

## Illustrative examples

V. N. Karazin  
Kharkiv National University  
<https://karazin.ua/mizhnarodna-diialnist/tvinnih-z-universytetom-iorka/novyny/science-for-nbsp-ukraine-uk-zapuskaie-prohramu-mentorstva-d/>

The University of Edinburgh  
<https://global.ed.ac.uk/ukraine-mentor-scheme>

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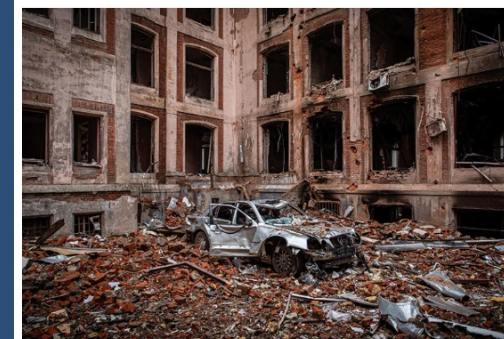
CAREER FEATURE | 11 September 2024

## The grassroots organizations continuing the fight for Ukrainian science

More than two years after Russia invaded Ukraine, initiatives supporting Ukrainian researchers are counting the long-term career costs of the conflict.

By Oscar Allan

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University buildings in Kharkiv and elsewhere have been damaged during the Russia-Ukraine conflict. Credit: SOPA/Alamy

In the weeks following Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, Ukrainian policy researcher Yulia Bezvershenko, then at Stanford University in California, took part in a round table to discuss how to preserve science in her native country as the conflict escalated.

On the video call, organized by the Social and Human Sciences sector of the United Nations cultural organization UNESCO to assess the urgent needs of scientists and generate ideas to

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## WHERE WE ARE

- 10 twinned pairs started
- 14 pairs are advertising the scheme



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