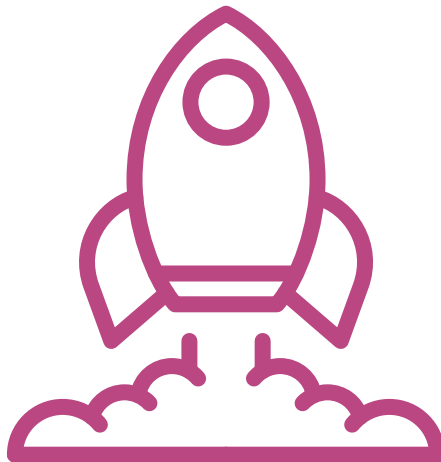




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P2P DOC

Mentorship Program



Peer exchange with purpose:
a program for doctoral candidates
at TU Wien to support one another



Program Overview

Build supportive relationships, share experiences, and develop valuable skills.

P2P DOC is a peer-to-peer mentorship program that aims to support current doctoral candidates at TU Wien. By participating in P2P DOC, you'll get to:

- **Help or receive help** from fellow doctoral candidates with challenges and decision-making doctoral candidates face in academic life
- **Learn new soft skills** such as active listening, communication, leadership, empathy, problem-solving, cultural awareness, facilitation, and more in a real-life setting
- **Build out your professional network** in a natural and authentic way

Mentees will ...

- ✓ gain practical advice, support, encouragement
- ✓ increase academic confidence and abilities
- ✓ develop their social skills
- ✓ build their network

Mentors will ...

- ✓ improve social skills and gain personal growth
- ✓ expand their network
- ✓ gain confidence and fulfillment
- ✓ receive recognition

Mentors will receive 3 ECTS for their participation in the program.

Program language

English

Program duration

October 2026 to
April 2027

Mentees

Doctoral
candidates
in year 1 or 2

Mentors

Doctoral
candidates
in year 3 or 4



Application

All information on how to apply to the **P2P DOC Mentorship Program** can be found on our [website](#).

Application deadline for mentors

September 13,
2026

Application deadline for mentes

September 20,
2026

Mentors

Please find the mentor application form here:

In addition to completing the form, mentors will need to submit a brief application video. Please refer to the [P2P DOC website](#) for the questions and further instructions.

Since mentors will receive training and guidance throughout the program, no prior mentoring experience is needed.



Mentees

Please find the mentee application form here:

You will receive information about the next steps from the P2P DOC team via email, after your application has been formally evaluated.





Program Structure



Mentor Training*

Mentors receive training on problem-solving and critical thinking as well as cultural awareness.



Mentor Briefing*

The mentors meet virtually with the P2P DOC team to receive more information about their role and tasks.



Application, Selection

Mentors and mentees apply for the program. The P2P DOC team reviews all applications.



Matching Event

Mentees and mentors get to know each other during this kick-off event.



10 Mentor-Mentee Meetings

Mentees and mentors meet at least ten times to discuss current challenges and ongoing topics.



4 Mentor Coaching Sessions*

Mentors get to take part in 3 group coaching sessions and 1 individual success session.



2 P2P DOC Get-togethers and Check-ins

Mentees and mentors meet to discuss their experience and exchange advice.



3 Mentor Meetings*

Mentors meet to discuss their experience.



Celebration Event

All mentees and mentors meet to celebrate their mentoring journey together.

* Only for mentors



2026/27 Schedule

P2P DOC is designed to fit into the schedule of a busy academic.

Meeting dates are either set early on or can be coordinated between mentors and mentees.

Sep. – Oct.	Mentor training
Oct. 20	Kick-off and Matching Event
Oct. – Apr.	10 Mentor-mentee meetings 4 Mentor coaching sessions 2 Get-togethers and Check-ins with P2P DOC team 3 Mentor meetings
Apr. 20	Closing and Celebration Event



Mentors' Role

Mentors will receive 3 ECTS for successfully completing the program.

The dean responsible for each mentor's studies will decide whether these ECTS may be applied to the transferable skills requirement of the respective curriculum.

Mentors support their mentees as they grow and develop during their doctoral studies and navigate important decisions. Mentors offer support, encouragement, and guidance in several important ways.

- ✓ Mentors share their own experiences with doctoral studies at TU Wien
- ✓ Mentors are a sounding board when challenges arise
- ✓ Mentors motivate and offer emotional support
- ✓ Mentors empower their mentees to solve challenges independently
- ✓ Mentors help set realistic goals



Testimonials

It's not something you finish in a day. It's a commitment, but it's going to be worthwhile if you put in the time and the effort.

I think if someone also wants to have fun during the process, the program helps you with that.

The overall time commitment is not that big. And you get so much experience that it's definitely worth it.

It really helped me grow confident in my role as a researcher.

Because being a PhD student is so much different from doing a bachelor's or master's degree that everybody could benefit from it.

You have the chance to develop skills that you cannot develop by following other courses from TU Wien. Just go for it because it was very helpful for my mentees and also for me.

All you had to do is show up and just be yourself.

I learned that I have more qualities than I thought I do. And I can bring more to the table.

I would definitely do the program again.

I think that the value with respect to the time invested was really high.

You will learn a lot of things, you will gain a lot of experience.

Learn More



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