Qualities of a Good Mentor

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What's a given...

Mentor

Expert in their field Willingness to share their time Lends their connections Promotor/sponsor Is helpful (reviewing papers, presentations)

Trainee

Timely & responsive Demonstrate follow-through Motivated

If you have a choice...

I'm going to tell you a story...about me!

How did I end up as chair of a department at the #1 cancer center (as of today!) at 45 years old?

My friend vs. Me

Tells you the truth

Be open and listen

Gives you opportunities

Say yes to some and no to others

Shares their ideas/new directions

Being innovative can be difficult

Helps you grow in areas you are weak

Know yourself. It's ok to be vulnerable.

Helps you run your own race

Social comparison kills dreams and spirits.

If you don't have a choice...you still need to find this person!

Putting it all together...

- Know yourself.
- Find different mentors based on your needs (career, content expert, etc.)
- Be responsible for your personal development (don't blame circumstances or people).

My final story...develop your team...l did

It's your career