Mentoring Web Science MSc Students

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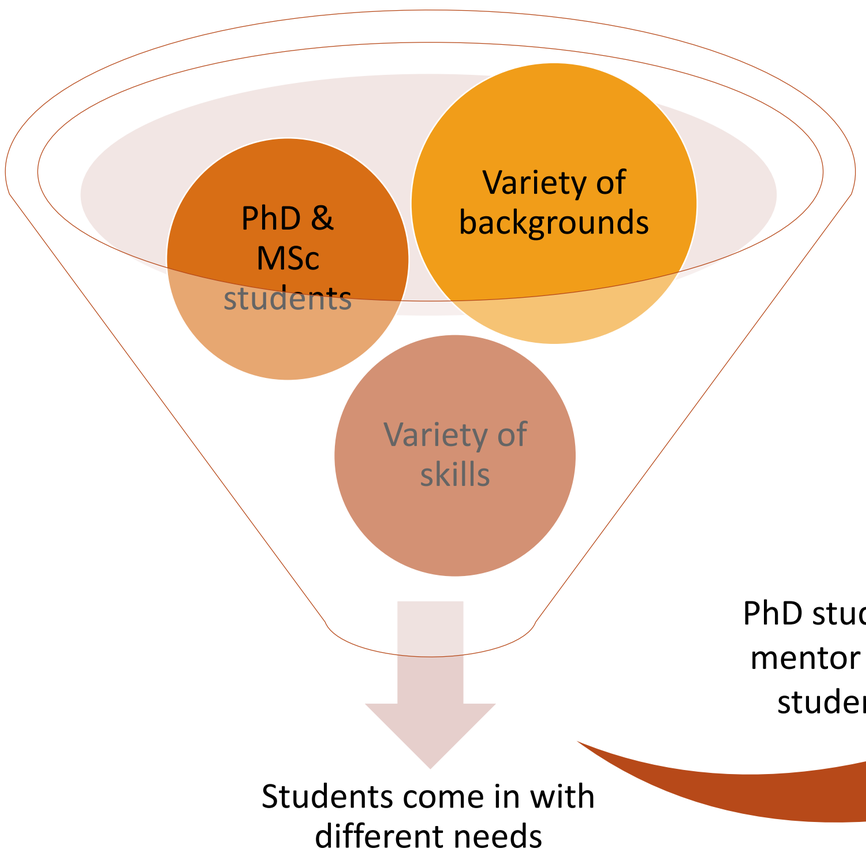
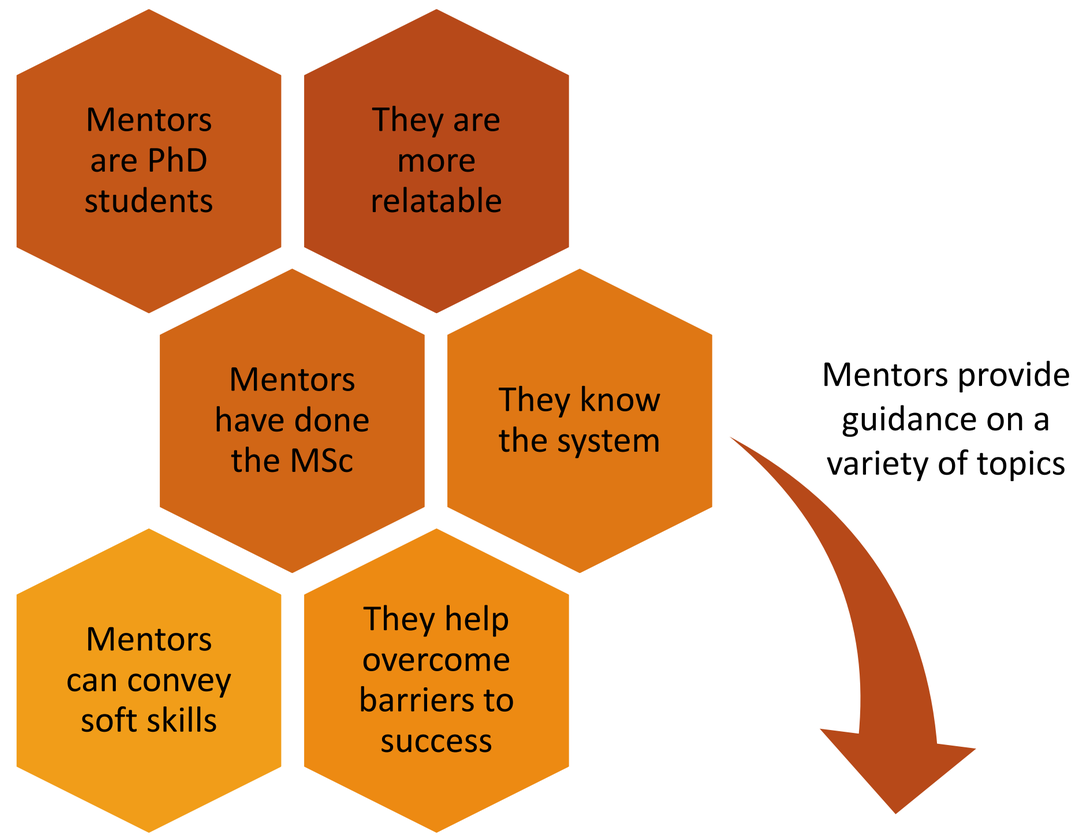
The Course



Students come in with different needs

PhD students mentor MSc students

The Mentor Scheme



Mentors provide guidance on a variety of topics

Web Science Mentors

Address different needs

- Bridge between *hard* and *soft* science skills
- Different career trajectories:
  - Ongoing study towards PhD vs. job-hunting
  - Marketable skills vs. academic excellence

Enhance network-building

- MSc dissertation topics extend into PhD theses
  - Peer discussion helps refine research agenda
  - Discussions with potential supervisors lead to success
- Mentors share contacts among students and staff to fast-track network building

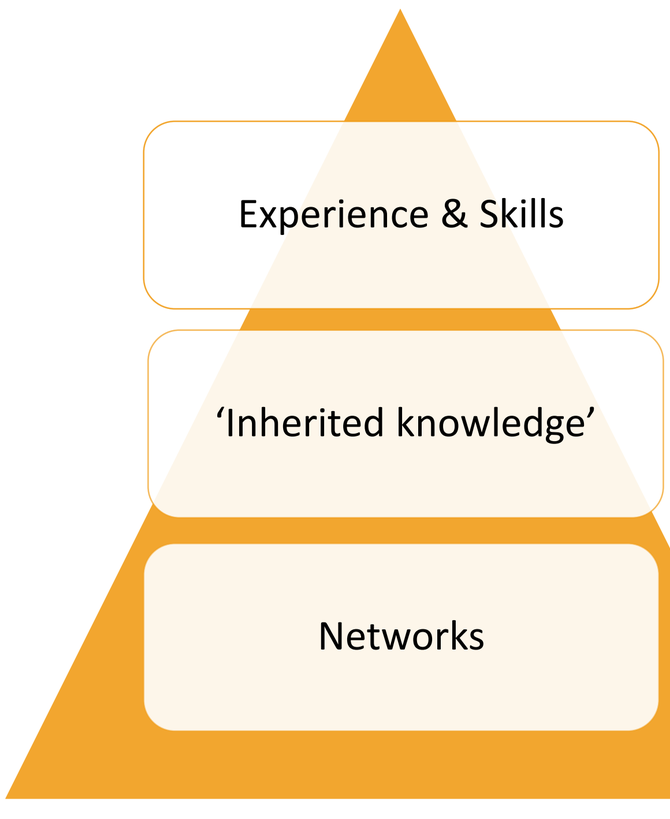
That difference makes mentors even more important

How it works

Web Science MSc students have specific requirements

- Regular group meetings, with different themes
- Constant reassurance 'Don't panic, you will be fine'
- Discuss questions as they arise
- Share knowledge & experience
- Facilitate group spirit & collaboration
- Clarify course expectations

Why it works



Generations of students help each other to succeed

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