

# Women\* In the School of Humanities Mentoring Programme

Supporting women\* in the School of Humanities at undergraduate, postgraduate and staff level

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\*The mentoring programme is aimed at all individuals who self-identitfy as women

### WORLD CHANGING GLASGOW

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Starting September 2021, the School of Humanities is running a mentoring scheme for women\*. The scheme is much needed in the light of widespread gender-biases as well as under-representation of women\* in too many subject areas.

# The Women\*-in-the-School-of-Humanities mentoring scheme aims to:

- Increase self-confidence and reduce isolation of women\* students and staff members in what is still a male dominated environment;
- Encourage more women\* to continue within their subject area; Provide women\* opportunities to discuss the problems they face;
- Offer women\* informed advice about their personal career development;
- Raise the profile of women\* in the School of Humanities.

If you are a woman\* undergraduate or postgraduate in the School of Humanities, please consider joining the scheme and being assigned a mentor.

#### Mentors can help with:

- identifying relevant skills and experience that would enhance mentee's employment prospects and finding ways to acquire them;
- identifying vulnerabilities, needs that may require targeted advice or help
- getting and acting on advice concerning publication, applying for graduate programmes, jobs, etc.
- improving the presentation of mentee's CV, application materials in general.
- provide advice on an ad hoc basis with a range of other issues, e.g. problems with colleagues and/or students, etc.
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## **02 HARD FACTS**

#### Women are under-represented in academia. For instance, studies indicate that:

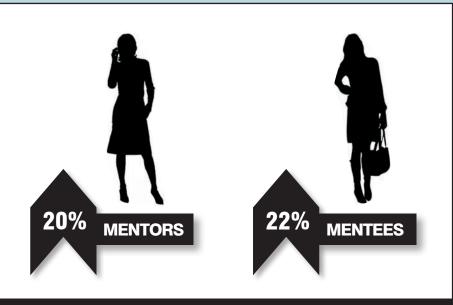
- Women are subject to harsher standards in evaluation, due to stereotyping
- Women need more publications to be seen as equally competent by reviewers.
- Inquiries from prospective women doctoral candidates receive lower responsiveness.
- Identical women/men job candidates are viewed as:
  - less hirable,
  - offered a lower salary,
  - offered less mentoring.

Mentoring is a key mechanism by which women\* can gain valuable skills, advice, perspective, and experience that will help them to realise their potential and develop their academic careers. Studies have shown that women in male-dominated fields often receive far less mentoring than their male colleagues. With this in mind, we have developed a mentoring scheme so that all early-career women\* in philosophy are able to take advantage of the benefits that mentoring has to offer, if they wish to do so.



#### Mentoring can improve these statistics!

Statistics on benefits of mentoring programme collected from Oxford Women in Physics, Wise Campaign, New York Times, and Gartner (2006) Mentoring is a key mechanism by which women\* can gain valuable skills, advice, perspective, and experience that will help them to realise their potential and develop their academic careers. With this in mind, we have developed a mentoring scheme so that all early-career women\* in the School of Humanities are able to take advantage of the benefits that mentoring has to offer, if they wish to do so.



### Higher retention of women

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## **03 GET INVOLVED**

#### **Overview of the Mentoring Process**

# WELCOME

**September:** new early-career women join Glasgow's School of Humanities

# **GET IN TOUCH**

Mentors and mentees join the mentorship programme

## **MENTORS ASSIGNED**

Undergraduates assigned to postgraduates, postgraduates assigned to staff members

# **MEET YOUR MENTOR**

Mentors are asked to organise an initial meeting

## **ASK FOR HELP**

Contact your mentor as problems arise; they're here to help!

## **04 FAQS**

#### **1. HOW CAN I BECOME A MENTOR?**

Simple! Apply by filling out this short form and emailing it to the Mentoring Coordinator in your Subject.,

#### 2. HOW CAN I GET A MENTOR?

Easy! Apply by filling out this short form and emailing it to the Mentoring Coordinator in your Subject.

# 3. CAN I EXPRESS A PREFERENCE FOR MY MENTOR'S GENDER AND/OR RESEARCH INTERESTS?

Yes! We will do our best to accommodate your preferences, subject to availability.

#### 4. CAN I CHANGE MENTOR?

Of course! Let's find someone who works for you.



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### **05 USEFUL CONTACTS**

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