

Overview of Classics Mentoring Programs

Groups with an *asterisk offer a formal mentoring program.

*AAACC (Asian and Asian American Classical Caucus)

Who should participate? undergrads through senior scholars who identify as Asian and/or Asian American; also partners with the Mountaintop Coalition to support BIPOC mentoring

What types of mentoring are offered? mentoring for undergraduate through early career stages, navigating identity-based issues and specific professional guidance; topics determined by the interests and needs of participants; paired one-on-one or in small groups that meet 2–3 times per semester during the academic year

How and when do I sign up? Program info. and application:

<https://www.aaaclassicalcaucus.org/mentorship>

Deadline: September 15, 2024 (forms become available August 15)

Contact info: Kate Meng Brassel (Mentorship Coordinator), aaaccmentorship@gmail.com

*AAH (Association of Ancient Historians)

Who should participate? members of the association from undergrads to senior scholars who are interested in having a mentor or serving as a mentor

What types of mentoring are offered? professional mentoring for career development and academic growth in a “traditional” (matching more senior with more early career scholars) or “co-mentoring” (matching people at similar career stages) format

How and when do I sign up? Program info. and sign-up forms:

<https://associationofancienthistorians.org/mentorship.html>

Deadline: September 15, 2024

Contact info: Kat Huemoeller (Chair of Mentorship Committee), mentorship@associationofancienthistorians.org

CODIP (SCS Committee on Diversity in the Profession)

The SCS Committee on Diversity in the Profession's main responsibility currently is to review applications for the [Snowden Scholarships](https://classicalstudies.org/awards-and-fellowships/frank-m-snowden-jr-undergraduate-scholarships) (<https://classicalstudies.org/awards-and-fellowships/frank-m-snowden-jr-undergraduate-scholarships>) and award scholarships to undergraduate students from historically underrepresented groups across North America to participate in opportunities each summer that are not typically available during the academic year (applications due **early February**).

The committee has worked to expand its role within the SCS however. Recently, for example, the committee hosted an open forum roundtable session at the SCS. The committee also has an *ex officio* seat on the Committee for Career Planning and Development.

LCC (Lambda Classical Caucus)

The LCC is a coalition of queer Classicists—including, but not limited to, lesbians, bisexuals, gay men, and transgender people—and their friends and supporters. Our scholarly mission is to promote research that reflects the personal and intellectual interests of queer scholars, and to provide a bridge between Classics and the interdisciplinary fields of LGBT/Queer Studies, the history of sexuality, cultural studies, and gender theory. Currently we do not run any mentoring schemes, though we are happy to learn about and support our allies' mentorship programs.

Website: <https://www.lambdacc.org/about.html>; membership contact jbravo@umd.edu

*Racing the Classics Fellowship

What is Racing the Classics? RACING THE CLASSICS is a cohort-based fellowship that aims to support practitioners in Ancient Greek and Roman Studies (and adjacent fields) as they navigate the challenges of the discipline, the academy, & this historical moment. Fellows will be afforded mentorship opportunities from the program directors, the academic team members, and, most importantly, from their cohort peers.

Who should participate? Ph.D. candidates at the time of application (also known as ABD) and degree holders (who have earned a Ph.D. in the last three years) are eligible to apply for the 1-year long fellowship.

What types of mentoring are offered? Fellows develop their own mentoring plan in conjunction with the leaders of the 10-day summer seminar. This summer seminar is followed by a practicum which runs through the academic year, through monthly online meetings.

How and when do I sign up? Fellowship info. and application: www.racingtheclassics.com

Deadline: Applicants should fill out the questionnaire posted online and ask a recommender to submit a confidential letter directly to the fellowship administrator on their behalf by **June 1st**.

Contact info: racingtheclassics@gmail.com

SCS Committee on Contingent Faculty

The SCS Committee on Contingent faculty advocates for all non-tenure-track faculty within the field of Classics/Ancient Studies, in particular working to identify such faculty, recognize the diversity of types of “contingent” positions, and provide support for their unique concerns and needs. The Committee works closely with the Contingent Faculty Director (on the SCS Board of Directors) to advise the SCS about the situation of the growing number of contingent faculty. In pursuit of this goal, the Committee helps to administer the Contingent Faculty Grant program of the SCS. The Committee briefly ran a mentoring program during the 2022 and 2023 Annual Meetings, but is not currently administering a mentoring program; instead, the Committee seeks to work with existing mentoring initiatives to better support the diverse mentoring concerns of non-tenure-track faculty.

Information on Contingent Faculty Grants:

<https://www.classicalstudies.org/awards-and-fellowships/contingent-faculty-grants>

*WCC (Women’s Classical Caucus)

Who should participate? We serve mentees from high school all the way up to Associate Professors (though our main targets are graduate students and early-career faculty). Our mentors range from graduate students to full and emerita professors.

What types of mentoring are offered? The program offers both Cohort and On-Demand mentoring.

In the Cohort Program 3-4 mentees are matched with a mentor according to their preferences (usually by career stage but occasionally by research area). We attempt to match them further by primary interests (job market, dissertation writing, navigating tenure track or contingent positions, etc.).

In the On-Demand (short-term) Program individual mentees are matched with volunteer mentors who most closely match their needs (everything from proofreading conference handouts, to practicing for oral exams, to sharing advice about the US or Canadian academic job market, to finding alt-ac employment, etc.).

Additional support: The WCC Mentorship Program runs events to help folks navigate conferences, the job market, publishing, etc. Recordings and/or summaries of the advice from each event can be found here: <https://www.wccclassics.org/mentorship> and here <https://www.wccclassics.org/mentorship>

How and when do I sign up?

Cohort Mentorship Program sign-ups (mentee and mentor) are linked here:

<https://www.wccclassics.org/mentorship#cohort>

On-Demand Mentorship Program sign-ups (mentee and mentor) are linked here:

<https://www.wccclassics.org/mentorship#ondemand>

Deadlines:

The Cohort Program runs September through May of each academic year. Sign-ups are in **early August**.

The On-Demand Program runs year-round.

Contact info: Questions can be addressed to the mentorship team at wccmentorship@gmail.com.