



## The BioMed Mentor

The BioMed mentor is appointed by the coordinating office of the BioMed PhD program. The mentor is part of the PhD committee and takes part in all (if possible) PhD committee meetings and the PhD defence. It is up to the mentor to meet with the student outside of the regular PhD committee meetings (e.g. at the beginning of the PhD studies).

*For UZH/MNF students:* The mentor can be the 2<sup>nd</sup> committee member with the right to promote at the MNF but can not act as the responsible faculty member for the PhD student.

The mentor functions as independent counsellor for both the PhD student and the other members of the committee and ensures mutual fairness between student, supervisor and committee.

At the first committee meeting, the mentor explains her/his function in the committee, declares her/his independency of the PI and student, and makes clear that everything discussed remains confidential unless otherwise requested and agreed.

The mentor monitors the progress of the thesis and may intervene in case of problems.

The mentor ensures together with the responsible faculty member (MNF) or the head of the committee (ETH) that the BioMed rules and University/ETH requirements are observed.

The mentor is the primary contact for the student (or the PI) in case of any conflicts and mediates between parties to find reasonable solutions to the problem. If mediation is not successful (serious cases), the mentor alerts the BioMed coordinating office.

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