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# **Mentor Huntin' 101: Pearls from APSA-nians**

Collaborative effort amongst your  
MD/PhDers

## Outline:

1. What to do before leaving home
2. What tools to take on the hunt
3. Qualities to scope out
4. Taggin' n' Baggin one



## 1. What to do before leaving home

# Resources for Finding a Mentor

- Local
  - Faculty Bio's = <http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu/facultystaff/interest.asp>
  - MS2's Conducting Research, Graduate Students, Postdoctoral Fellows – Best source of information!
  - Seminars – Each department (academic and medical) has these. Can meet potential mentors and may see them present. Search the specific department's website for schedules.
  - Get Advice from faculty in IIMS Research Education, Training, and Career Development:
    - Look up the presenters today!

## 1. What to do before leaving home

# Resources for Finding a Mentor

- National
  - Resource of federally funded research at our institution → NIH RePORT = <http://projectreporter.nih.gov/reporter.cfm>
  - Excellent paper: “Choosing a Research Project and a Research Mentor” Michael Bettmann, *Circulation* 2009; 119:1832-1835.
    - <http://circ.ahajournals.org/content/119/13/1832.full.pdf+html>

## 2. What tools to take on the hunt

### Resources for writing a CV:

- Great website with multiple links and sample <http://jobsearch.about.com/od/cvAdvice/qt/cvacademia.htm>
- A great sample of a CV (we might want to print it out for them):  
[http://www.weizmann.ac.il/YoungPI/upload\\_files/writing/Tips%20on%20how%20to%20write%20a%20good%20academic%20CV.pdf](http://www.weizmann.ac.il/YoungPI/upload_files/writing/Tips%20on%20how%20to%20write%20a%20good%20academic%20CV.pdf)

### 3. Qualities to scope out

# Qualities to look for in a mentor

- Has time available for you
- Patient
- Can communicate clearly
- Is a good teacher
- Enthusiastic about science

### 3. Qualities to scope out

Excellent website that details “Expectations” of the student and the mentor in a research project (possibly insert it somewhere):

<http://www.icre.pitt.edu/mentoring/expectations.html>



# Approaching the mentor

- Research the lab first!
  - How often and where they publish?
  - Talk to people who have been there!
- CV ready in advance
- Clear expectations
  - Project goals
  - Timeline
  - Weekly progress meetings

**A person's a person,  
no matter how sciency.**

**-Daniel**

# APSA Regional Meeting

- 19.October (Sat)
- Free Registration & Presentation Opportunity
- Greehey Campus
- [physicianscientists.org](http://physicianscientists.org)

# Happy Huntin'!\*

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