

A Report for the proposal: Compulsory PG mentors for new PG students

As compared to UG students who stay in the campus for 4 years, PG students are mostly here just for 2 years. So it is more unlikely for them to familiarize themselves with all the opportunities and facilities available to them as students of IIT Kanpur. A PG mentor shall be responsible to make them aware of these as per his experience.

Further there is low participation of PG students in all the events at IITK and beyond. A PG mentor shall be responsible to not only inform them of upcoming events, but also to encourage them and guide them for the same.

Less interaction among the senior and junior batch leads to less opportunity of sharing experience etc. that would have benefitted the juniors. This can also encourage inter disciplinary interaction leading to better development of skills.

As compared to UG students PG students have to make more deciding choices regarding their courses etc. it would be great if they have someone responsible for them to rely on for these queries.

The person incharge can also encourage them and push them to participate in cultural, literary activities as well, leading to overall development of the students. This shall also improve the participation of the PG students in various Club activities.

These will also allow the students to focus on their strong points (field of interest) and how to develop themselves more in this regard by asking the mentor to directly link them to the person of interest and can also act as a liaison for the same.

Mainly those students should be made the PG Mentors who were more active in various activities, also PhD and Dual degree students will be great in these. The students can be divided based on deptts, halls, interest groups, etc or a combination of them. It can be mutual decision or forced on freshers.

The PG Mentors shall be responsible to bring the mentees in various events and make them active throughout the year be it technical, cultural, academics or sports etc.

The UG students can also help these mentors for providing the necessary support or mentoring with them because they have more knowledge of the various activities across the campus.

Further in order to implement such a system, initiatives shall be taken for just one year and later the culture will develop itself improving itself based on previous experiences.