Clinical Center Mentor Functions*

- 1. Identify and help to facilitate support for the TTI's research
 - a. Internal sources of research funding
 - b. Core facilities
 - c. Potential collaborators
 - d. Administrative support
 - e. Research interest groups, journal clubs, seminar series
 - f. Key personnel who can troubleshoot issues and advise on administrative "red tape" solutions
- 2. Explain criteria for promotion to tenure status, advise on methods for meeting these criteria, and regularly discuss mentee's progress toward tenure
- 3. Provide coaching and feedback on public presentation of research findings via practice talks, manuscript(s) reviews, and practice in preparing grants
- 4. Recommend opportunities for networking
- 5. Directions for attracting to the TTI's group students and postdocs
- 6. Recommend and train the TTI as reviewer for journal submissions, as a conference speaker, etc.
- 7. Introduce TTI to prominent researchers in his/her field
- 8. Nominate TTI for awards when appropriate
- 9. Discuss tacit rules of the TTI's organization and profession
 - a. Identify which service activities are valued most by tenure and promotion committees
 - b. Discuss how to negotiate for more resources
 - c. Identify which scientific research conferences to attend for maximal exposure and networking
- 10. Facilitate informal opportunities to connect with both peers and more senior members of the TTI's organization
- 11. Provide support when the TTI experiences failure or rejection
- 12. Share the mentor's own career challenges and methods for success
- 13. Model professional behavior
 - a. Behave ethically in all professional roles
 - b. Deliver criticism privately and in a constructive manner
 - c. Offer guidance on how to appropriately respond to critiques of your work
 - d. Promote a collegial and inclusive work environment

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