**The UK academic mentoring scheme** is run by volunteers from Science for Ukraine-UK as a rapid response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. We aim to support colleagues from Ukrainian universities directly affected by the invasion through mentoring.

Science for Ukraine UK mentoring endeavours to support Ukrainian colleagues to navigate through UK academia. We do not cover immigration advice, financial advice and pastoral support - the scheme is only intended for professional purposes.  The specific objectives of the scheme are helping Ukrainian colleagues with:

● career planning, CVs & applications

● networking & profile building

● working in the UK (academic culture)

● publication process & academic writing

● securing research funding (UK- funders only)

● promotion and progression

In the scheme mentees will be matched to a mentor of an appropriate career stage and from a similar discipline. The mentoring will commence as soon as the match is found via the PushFar Platform which provides a wide range of opportunities to communicate online and offline, arrange meetings, take notes etc. We anticipate that mentoring sessions will be carried out online via means that suit both mentee and mentor. We advise for the mentors and mentees to meet at least every two weeks for at least 3 months.

**What are the benefits for you as a mentor?**

* Helping develop the potential of others.
* Enhanced interpersonal management skills & leadership capabilities.
* Improved listening & support skills
* Better understanding of colleagues’ needs, particularly early career academics
* New perspectives
* Increased self-reflection
* Potential networking/collaboration & representation of your institution.

In case you might be able to help our Ukrainian colleagues with we would appreciate if you could let us know by writing a email to ukmentoring@gmail.com. You can also directly register as a mentor under the following link: <https://www.pushfar.com/mentor-registration/6Aj4rMK5y8/>

More information about the Science for Ukraine initiative and our mentoring can be found under the following links:

<https://scienceforukraine.eu/>

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/campus/eight-ways-uk-academics-can-help-students-and-researchers-ukrainian-universities>

<https://dailybusinessnow.com/2022/12/22/mentoring-platform-provides-free-access-for-scienceforukraine-to-help-displaced-scholars-secure-funding-and-support/>