

OLTECH - Mentoring programme for young researchers

in cooperation with

School V - of Mathematics and Science,

School VI - of Medicine and Health
Sciences,

School II of Computing Science,
Business Administration, Economics, and
Law (Department of Computing Science
Dfl) and collaborating research training
groups (SFBs)

10/2026 – 09/2027

You can join the programme, if you are:

- a doctoral researcher
- member of the Graduate School Science, Medicine and Technology – **OLTECH**
- member of the **School V** – School of Mathematics and Science or member of a SFB or other coordinated programme, or of **Department of Computing Science (DfI)**
- member of the **School VI** – School of Medicine and Health Sciences
- a disadvantaged or discriminated scientist due to your gender and or other conditions

➤ **Maximum of 12 participants**

➤ **Language: English**



What is a mentoring?



- An older and experienced “**mentor**” shares knowledge with you and supports you in finding your personal career
- The mentor is like a wise person, who you can ask all about the profession and career you like to reach
- One-to-one mentoring is usually complemented by a supporting programme that prepares you as a “**mentee**” for your role and offers opportunities for networking and reflecting on the mentoring process.
- Mentoring is a non-hierarchical partnership and does not involve authority to issue instructions.
- The duration of a mentoring partnership is limited. Regular contact is maintained throughout the mentoring period.
- In addition, training workshops or lectures are usually offered that are specifically tailored to the needs of the mentees.

Concept and Goals of the Mentoring programme

Young researchers:

- Actively addressing their career options
- Learning methods for career development
- Building a network and improve networking strategies

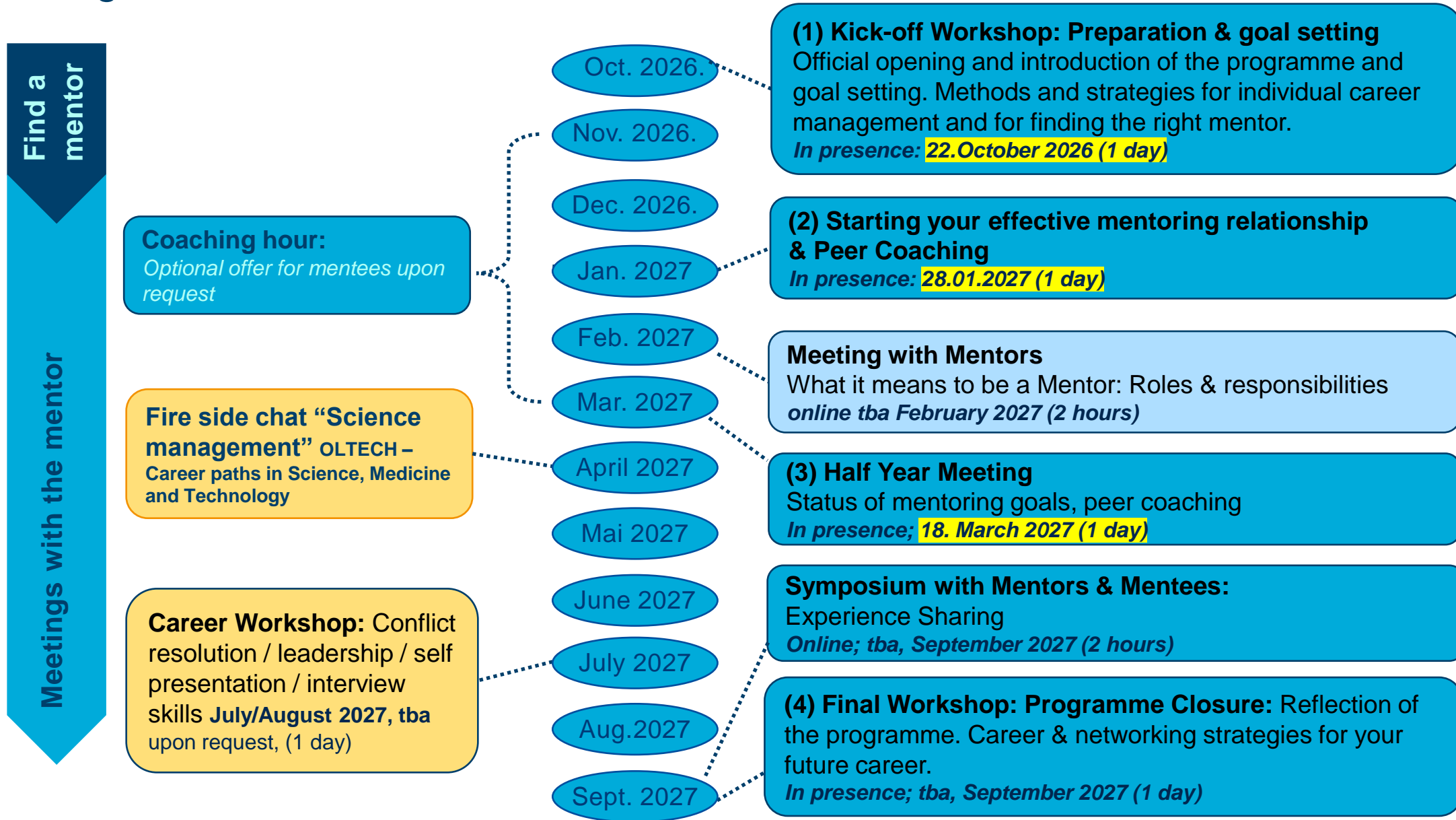
This will be done through:

- Career phase-specific trainings e.g. workshops & lectures
- Offering a frame for a fruitful mentoring partnership

<https://uol.de/en/oltech/qualification-offers-career-development/mentoring>



Programme overview



Mentoring – time and effort



➤ **Mentor-Mentee relationship:**

- Support finding a mentor
- Monthly meetings with the mentor (~ 2 hours)
- Online meetings (1-2 hours)

➤ Fore one day workshops within 12 month on career management, communication and more

➤ **Optional:**

- Further thematically **career workshops**
- One evening **talk** (Fire side chats, 2 hours)
- Individual **coaching** (1 hour)

➤ **... and even 6 credit points**

Application

- **Motivation letter** and **application form** for mentees
- Consent of the supervisor
- Declaration of consent (see application form)
- Participation fee of **200€** from your working group
- Sent the application to the coordinator of the OLTECH graduate school: **Dr. Ferdinand Esser:**
oltech@uol.de
- **Sign participation agreement**
- <https://uol.de/en/oltech/courses-events/mentoring>
- **Application deadline: 10th August 2026**
- Join the **info event** to the OLTECH - Mentoring programme for young researchers: **29. May or/and 23. July at 10:00**



Coordinator:

Dr. Ferdinand Esser

Graduate School Science, Medicine and Technology (OLTECH)

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Obligatory participation:

- ***Once you have registered for the mentoring programme, participation is obligatory.***
- ***Active participation is expected.***
- ***If participation in the mentoring programme is less than 80%, no certificate can be issued. Accordingly, fewer credit points will be recognised.***
- ***Cancellation is only possible with a valid (medical) reason. In the event of non-participation without a reason, expenses must be paid.***
- ***We reserve the right to inform your supervisor in the event of unexcused absence or truancy.***



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Mentoring Programme in a nutshell



Target group:	Doctoral candidates from their 2 nd year of PhD, members of Graduate School Science, Medicine and Technology – OLTECH, Members of School V - of Mathematics and Science, School VI - of Medicine and Health Sciences, School II of Computing Science, Business Administration, Economics, and Law (Department of Computing Science) and collaborating research training groups (SFBs)
Mentor:	Are approached by the mentee and can come from companies, public authorities, industry, consulting institutions, universities, etc.
Duration:	12 month (10/2026 to 09/2027)
Number of participants	12 mentees
Start	22 October 2026
Fee:	200€ from your working group
Language:	English