

Finding a Mentor Checklist

Only the foolish venture forward, without having a mentor supporting them, from behind the scenes. In business, many costly failures could have been averted if advice had been sought from a trusted and wise mentor. The key is the selection (and use) of your mentor/adviser and realizing that just because you have asked once, this does not preclude a second or third request for help.

Finding a good mentor checklist	Is it covered?
Understands the sector I am in	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Has reached a senior position, not necessarily a CEO	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Has had a broad career experience	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Has a quick and incisive mind	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
A person who knows me quite well	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
A person I look up to and respect	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Normally significantly older than you	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is well connected	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is well respected by others	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is well read	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is patient and tolerant	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is accessible and commits to making meeting dates	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No