

TERMINATING RELATIONSHIPS

When the decision has been made to end the formal mentoring relationship:

- Set a specific date for your last meeting and inform your mentee of this ahead of time;
- Be honest, candid and supportive, regardless of the reason for the termination;
- Talk about the reasons for ending the relationship;
- Talk about your thoughts and feelings for the mentee and your feelings about the termination;
- Encourage your mentee to do the same;
- Be positive and supportive, especially about what the future may hold for your mentee;
- If it seems appropriate, talk to the liaison about a replacement mentor for your mentee; and
- Don't make promises you may not keep (e.g., that you will keep in touch).