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Terms and Conditions of The University of Manchester Mentoring Programs

Please read these terms and conditions carefully before using The University of Manchester's Mentoring Programs ('the Mentoring Programs'). By using the Mentoring Programs, you confirm your acceptance of the terms and conditions. If you do not accept the terms and conditions, you should not use the Mentoring Programs.

1. Provisions relevant to mentor

1.1 I confirm that I have read and understand the contents of the Mentor Handbook and that I will comply in full with the guidance and requirements it contains (applicable to Manchester Gold mentors only).

1.2 I understand that as a mentor participating in the Mentoring Programs, any advice I provide in the course of the mentoring relationship is solely for the purpose of guiding the mentee in his/her career. I understand that this relationship is an educational resource to discuss career issues confronted by the mentee and that my role is to provide relevant information, suggestions, advice and guidance. I understand that the mentee will not rely upon my advice and/or statements as legal advice, nor as a substitute for his/her own independent judgment or professional opinions.

1.3 I acknowledge that any information, suggestions, advice or guidance I provide to the mentee is provided free of charge and in good faith.

1.4 I agree to keep in strict confidence all and any information which I obtain about the mentee and all information, suggestions, advice or guidance I provide to the mentee, unless the mentee provides a clear consent for such information to be shared.

1.5 I understand that the sole involvement of the University and its Alumni and Development Office will be to verify that the mentees are either current University students or University alumni and that the University has no further role in the mentor and mentee relationship.

1.6 I understand that I may terminate my involvement in the Mentoring Programs at any time.

2. Provisions relevant to mentee

2.1 I confirm that I have read and understand the contents of the Mentee Handbook and that I will comply in full with the guidance and requirements it contains (applicable to Manchester Gold mentees only).

2.2 I acknowledge that any information, suggestions, advice or guidance provided by the mentor is provided free of charge and in good faith.

2.3 I understand that as a mentee participating in the Mentoring Programs, any advice I receive in the course of the mentoring relationship is solely for the purpose of guiding me in my career. I understand that this relationship is an educational resource to discuss career issues confronted by me and to receive relevant information, suggestions, advice and guidance from my mentor. I agree that I will not rely upon the mentor's advice and/or statements as legal advice nor as a substitute for my own independent judgment or professional opinions.

2.4 I understand that I shall not at any time be obliged to act on any information, suggestions, advice or guidance given by the mentor as part of the Mentoring Programs, but if and to the extent that I do, I shall do so at my own risk. I hereby unconditionally and irrevocably waive any rights of action I may have as against the Mentor and/or the University in relation to any such information, suggestions, advice or guidance.

2.5 I understand that the sole involvement of the University and its Alumni and Development Office will be to verify that the mentors are University alumni or other approved/selected individuals and that the University has no further role in the mentor and mentee relationship. I acknowledge that the University is not liable for information, suggestions, advice or guidance provided by the mentor or for any acts or omissions of the mentor. I understand that it is my sole responsibility to assess the professionalism, credentials and references of the mentor.

2.6 I acknowledge that neither the University nor the Mentor will be liable to me or to any third party for any loss, damage, costs or liabilities suffered as a result of the Mentoring Programs, the existence of the mentor / mentee relationship or any the services provided. Nothing in this clause shall limit or exclude any liability for death or personal injury, or which results from fraud.

2.7 I agree to keep in strict confidence all and any information which I obtain about the mentor and all information, suggestions, advice or guidance I receive from the mentor, unless the mentor provides a clear consent for such information to be shared.

2.8 I understand that I may terminate my involvement in the Mentoring Programs at any time.

Mentoring Code of Conduct

By taking part in the programme, Mentors and Mentees agree to:

- Responding to communications in a timely manner
- Being open and truthful in communications
- Respecting each other's time availability

Mentees agree to:

- Ensuring that the focus of the mentoring is careers related

Mentors agree to:

- Sharing advice and experience relating to career planning and future options
- Providing honest insights and constructive support
- Responding to the needs of the mentee and not imposing their own agenda
- Ensuring the mentee accepts responsibility for managing the relationship
- Seeking advice or refer mentees to another point of contact when an enquiry is beyond the mentor's capacity, experience or expertise

Further important particulars:

- Either party may end the relationship at any time
- Whilst work experience opportunities are valuable to mentees, there is no guarantee or requisite that mentors can or will provide this
- The mentoring relationship must be kept professional at all times
- Face-to-face meetings must be held in public places
- Mentors and Mentees must not share personal contact details
- The relationships should not be exploitive
- Mentors and Mentees must stop communicating if they feel uncomfortable or apprehensive and should use the 'report' function.