

# My Journey: The Importance of Mentoring and Sponsorship



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# Lessons Learned Thus Far

- Identify the help you need
- Know when you need mentoring, sponsorship or both
- Identify key people for different roles
  - Leverage your networks
- Computing community is great!

# Thanks!



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