



# Research Proposal: Mentoring

RESEARCH PROJECT: RESEARCH WITH  
DURHAM UNIVERSITY ON MULTI-  
ACADEMY TRUSTS (MATS)

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PROGRAMME

# What is Mentoring?

- **One-to-One Mentoring?**
- **Coaching?**
- Group Mentoring?
- Peer Mentoring?
- ...

# My interest in Mentoring

Primary/ secondary school (Germany):

- Class teacher/ counsellor/ school psychologist
- Experiment: One-time 30-minutes appointment with teacher in pairs of two

Sixth Form College (UK):

- Mandatory 15-minutes check-up meeting with Personal Tutor every three weeks

# Two Research Questions (First Draft)

Example: "Shared Maths" Peer Tutoring Programme by Durham University

Two areas of improvement:

- "Pupils with EAL [English as additional language], SEN [special educational needs] and lower ability were particularly struggling with the intervention"
- Q1: How can the aspirations and needs of vulnerable learners be identified? How can partnerships of trust and support (to adults), encourage and motivate learning?
- "Teachers did not feel well equipped to support these pupils in accessing the intervention"
- Q2: How can the MAT contribute to evaluating and improving relevant tools and resources for staff to provide individualised support for vulnerable learners?