

Mentoring Web Science MSc Students

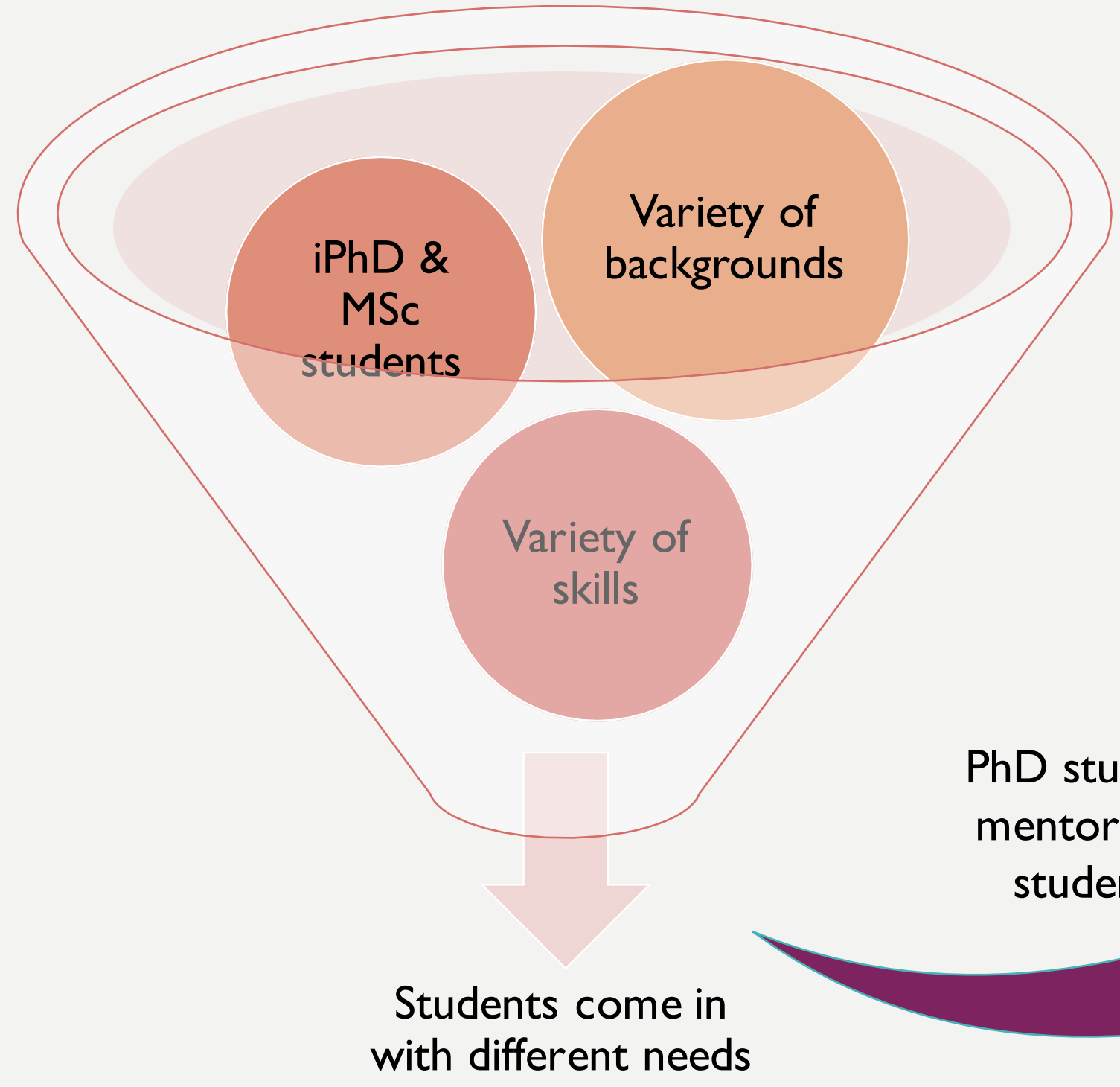
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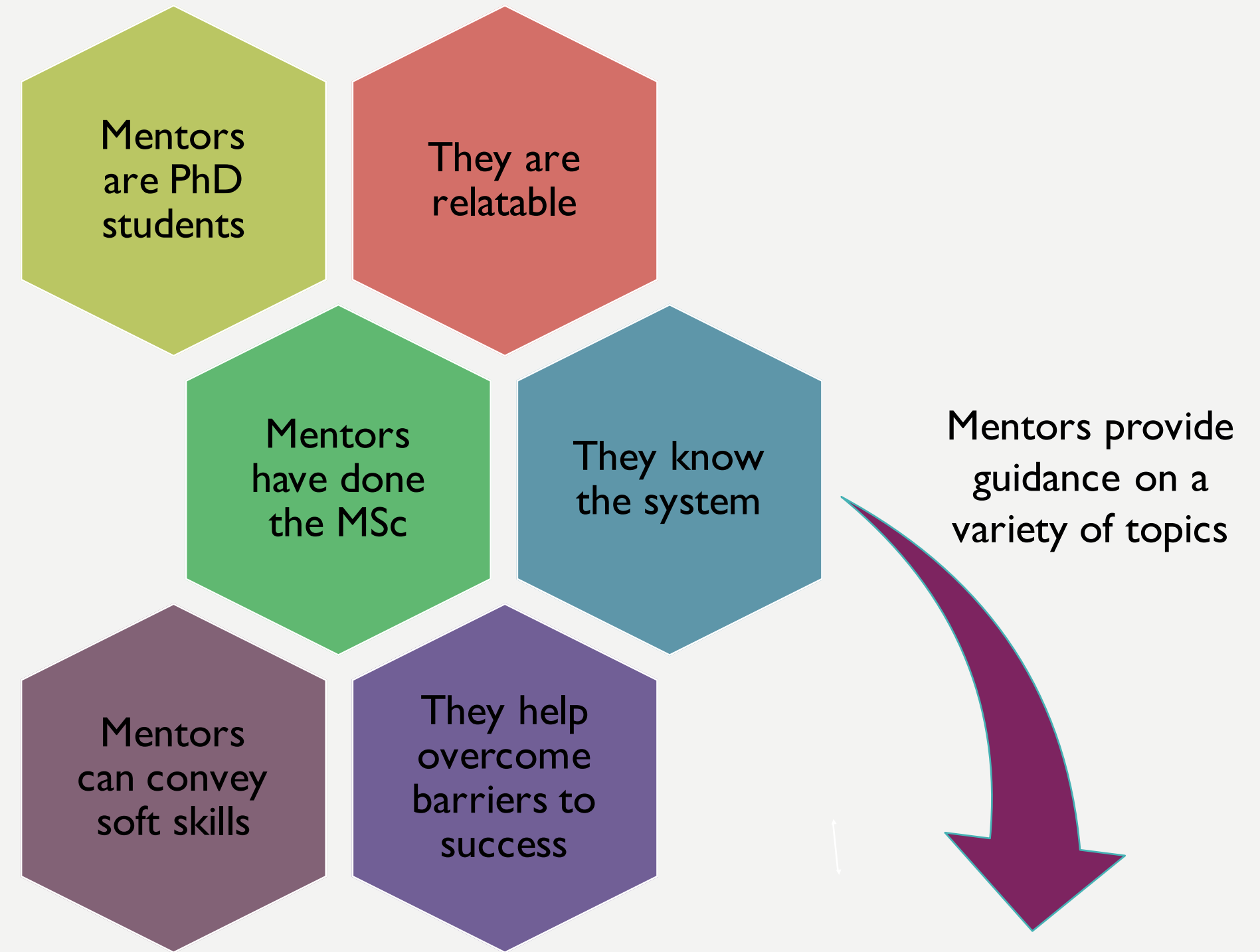
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The Course



PhD students mentor MSc students

The Mentor Scheme



Web Science Mentors

Address diverse needs

- Bridge between *hard* and *soft* science skills
- Different career trajectories:
 - Ongoing study towards PhD vs. job-hunting
 - Marketable skills vs. academic excellence

Enhance network-building

- MSc dissertation topics extend into PhD theses
- Peer discussion helps refine research agenda
- Discussions with potential supervisors lead to success
- Mentors share contacts among students and staff to fast-track network building

That difference makes mentors even more important

Web Science MSc students have specific requirements

How it works

Regular group meetings, with different themes

Timely reassurance 'Don't panic, you will be fine'

Discuss questions as they arise

Share knowledge & experience

Facilitate group spirit & collaboration

Clarify course expectations

Why it works

Experience & Skills

'Inherited knowledge'

Networks

Generations of students help each other to succeed

