

# Testimonials

- “I thought the Sponsorship Forum today was terrific - I was on the shuttle with [another faculty member] right afterwards and she agreed. And wonderful attendance - the room was packed! I'm always particularly inspired by Sandy but I thought all the panellists brought up thought-provoking and helpful points, which have not been discussed in depth at previous events. The mentoring symposium in the fall and today's forum went rather well together in that regard and highlighted some of the differences between mentorship and sponsorship. It's been interesting to me in the past when I noticed Peter using the word "mentor" (i.e., so-and-so is a great mentor) when in fact he was talking about sponsorship. I really do think these events make a difference - they certainly do for me. Thanks for organizing!” – **UTSW Faculty Member**
- “Thanks Helen. It's clear from the turn out that people are seeking this type of guidance. I found your introduction and your explanation of the difference between a mentor and a sponsor VERY helpful. In fact, I'm giving a Strategies for Success talk to NIH postdocs next week.” – **UTSW Faculty Member**
- “What a fantastic symposium today! Very, very informative. Great panel and moderator. Overall, absolutely wonderful!” – **UTSW Faculty Member**
- “The symposium was amazing! Thanks so much for putting that together for us all. It was truly empowering.” - **Participant from Clinical Research**
- “I had an opportunity to meet Dr. Yin at the end of the event and thank her for breaking it down for us. It was quite impression to hear Dr. Meyer field those questions and speak openly regarding the dominance of white males in leadership, and that diversity and inclusion extend beyond color lines. I further appreciated your recognition of the men who participated in the event. It was time well spent!” - **Participant from Accounting Department**
- “I really enjoyed the women's symposium yesterday. I left feeling encouraged and prepared to start thinking about the importance of sponsorship to my career.” - **Participant from Sponsored Programs**
- “Thank you all for such mindful and inspiring workshops! Very timely. More people need to hear this.” - **Participant from Global Health**
- “I wanted to let you know that the forum today was very helpful, getting a thorough understanding of sponsorship, and you hosted it well. Thank you.” - **Participant from Department of Psychiatry**

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- “You all did a great job yesterday with the symposium. It was an important topic and I think you got a lot of people fired up in a good way, thinking more intentionally about their careers!” - ***Participant from Communications***
- “Great information. Amazing turnout. I missed the last part b/c I had to give a talk at noon but from what I heard it was insightful. I know this is probably impossible - but given the size, it would be great to break it up into a panel just for physicians, a panel for nurses and other staff, etc. to facilitate more interaction with the audience (smaller group). Thank you for setting up and congrats on a fantastic forum!” – ***UTSW Faculty Member***