What Mentors Do

Work with the applicant!
Read and critique the science. Make sure the science reads well.
Develop the research plan and the training plan in parallel so that it is clear how the research fits into the larger training goals.
Consider co-sponsors with complementary strengths. Breadth in training is always a plus.
Be sure that the training plan is tailored to the applicant, describing their strengths and how those will be enhanced, their weaknesses/gaps/needs and how those will be addressed, and how this will broaden their experiences to make them a complete scientist.
Includes as many specifics as possible. Details make the application.
Be sure that the applicants training plan matches your training plan
Attend the study section. Take notes on the discussion. At the end of the discussion you and the trainee will be given an opportunity to ask questions of the panel.

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