

# QUESTIONS TO ASK Your mentor

## **EXPERIENCE AT UGA**

- I. What led you to choosing to work at the University of Georgia?
- **2.** Knowing what you know now, what advice would you give yourself as a staff member at UGA?
- 3. What is your favorite part of working at UGA?
- **4.** How did you make the choice of working at UGA and in your particular position?
- 5. What are several of your most meaningful experiences at UGA?
- 6. Who were the mentors in your corner that impacted you personally and/or professionally?
- 7. Do you have experience utilizing the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and if so what has your experience been like?
- 8. What have you done to stay engaged with UGA?

#### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/LEADERSHIP**

- 1. What opportunities does UGA offer for professional development?
- **2.** Which professional organizations would be most helpful for me to join?
- **3.** Who else do you recommend I talk with, and may I have permission to use your name?
- 4. What podcasts/books/media should I keep up with?
- **5.** What do you do before or after work that allows you to be an effective leader on your team?
- **6.** How can I lead as an individual contributer before becoming a manager?
- **7.** How do I balance being transparent with my team without oversharing?
- 8. How do I ask my team for feedback and then implement it?

### CAREER

- I. What was an important lesson you learned that helped catapult your career?
- **2.** What additional certifications/trainings/degrees may I need to continue in this field?
- **3.** How do your interests, values, and skills match with this career field?
- 4. What is the most/least rewarding aspect of your career?
- **5.** What challenges do you face in your current role? How do you navigate those challenges?
- **6.** What about your career is different than you thought it would be?
- **7.** What attributes do you think are most important to move ahead in the workplace?

## WORK-LIFE BALANCE

- I. How do you maintain work/-life balance while still progressing in your career?
- **2.** What is the most impactful thing you have done to maintain a sense of work-life balance?
- **3.** What are some habits you've implemented in your life to achieve a better work-life balance?
- 4. How do you know when your work-life balance might be off?
- 5. Are there any quick or easy strategies you can recommend to help with stress?
- **6.** Are there times in your career where you've sacrificed work-life balance to achieve a specific goal?