

UGA MENTOR PROGRAM

CIRCLES OF SUCCESS: MENTEE FAQ

Interested in group mentoring? Read below to learn a bit more about this process and how to get started!

WHAT IS A CIRCLE OF SUCCESS?

- A Circle of Success is a group mentoring model, allowing at least one mentor to engage with a group of between 2-8 students. This is a great way to ease into mentorship and get to know peers who may have the same interests and concerns that you have.

HOW IS GROUP MENTORING DIFFERENT THAN A 16-WEEK CONNECTION?

- Even though the group is connected for 16-weeks, the main difference, besides there being a group of students, is that we work with the mentor to recruit students to join the Circle. This varies from a 1:1 16-week connection, where students are the ones reaching out on their own.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THE MENTEE ENGAGED IN A CIRCLE?

- The expectations are the same as the other forms of mentorship – be present, engaged, and curious! Make sure you respond to communications from your mentor and fully commit to the duration of the mentorship.

HOW DO I EXPRESS INTEREST IN JOINING A CIRCLE?

- Mentees will receive an email when a circle becomes available that aligns with their career interests/aspirations and/or other notable areas of interest. Mentees will need to express interest in that group, and then once the seats are filled, the UGA Mentor Program will connect the mentees and mentors through the platform.

HOW DO STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY?

- Mentees in the platform will receive an email inviting them to join the group. We curate a list of students to invite based on the Mentor's areas of interest/expertise. It is important to make sure your profile is updated for this reason, especially if you change majors or develop a new career plan.

WHAT HAVE OTHER MENTEES SAID ABOUT CIRCLES?

- Mentees have enjoyed getting to engage with the alumni and their peers through this experience.
- Mentees found this model of mentorship a little less intimidating than the other forms since the UGA Mentor Program helps with the outreach.
- Mentees shared they appreciate the casual conversations and how open everyone is – it is a safe, non-judgemental way to build community and receive helpful guidance.