UGA MENTOR PROGRAM HOW TO REQUEST A MENTOR

Finding a great mentor through the UGA Mentor Program is easy! Use this guide below, but also know you can reach out for help at <u>ugamentor@uga.edu</u>!

HOW TO REQUEST A MENTOR:

• Once you have identified a mentor, select the "Request mentor" button. A message box will appear, and you can send them a personalized message. Please note that the "request a mentor" button is for a 16-week connection and the "send message" feature is to request a Quick Chat.



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SAMPLE TEMPLATE:

Sending the initial can sometimes be the most intimidating part of this process, but remember that the alumni WANT you to connect with them! Using the template below as a guide, you can send a personalized message that is sure to impress your mentor!

- Introduce yourself and share a bit about your academic and professional experience
- Address why you want to connect with this person and what makes you think it will be a good fit. This is also where you can share what you hope to gain from this connection
- Add how you want to engage and how often you'd like to meet
- Wrap up with a "thank you"

Dear {Mentor's Name},

My name is [First Name] and I'm a [first-year, second-year, third-year, fourth-year, graduate/professional student] studying [major]. In addition to my studies, I currently participate in [co-curricular], and I have previously worked as [internship experience/work/research experience].

I'd like the opportunity to hear about your experience navigating UGA and your personal and professional story. I'm interested in entering [field/industry], and I would like to learn more about your career path and experience. Specifically, I would like to better understand what experiences/knowledge/skills set you up for success.

While I'd prefer to meet 1-2 hours/month if possible, I understand you have a busy schedule. [Include days and times] work best for my schedule.

Thank you for considering me as your mentee!

Respectfully,

Your Name