

UGA MENTOR PROGRAM

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR MENTOR

Use these questions to foster meaningful conversations with your mentor, gain insights, and grow professionally.

UGA EXPERIENCE

1. What led you to choosing to attend the University of Georgia?
2. Knowing what you know now, what advice would you give yourself as a student at UGA?
3. How did you choose your major?
4. What are several of your most meaningful experiences at UGA?
5. Who were the mentors in your corner that impacted you personally and/or professionally?
6. Did you conduct research or serve in a student organization leadership position?

CAREER EXPLORATION

1. How did you get started in this field?
2. What is the future outlook for this industry?
3. What is the best educational preparation or coursework for a career in this field?
4. What does a typical day look like? What are your major responsibilities?
5. What is the most/least rewarding aspect of your career?
6. What challenges do you face in your current role? How do you navigate those challenges?
7. What is the most common career path to end where you are?
8. What about your career is different than you thought it would be?

JOB/INTERNSHIP SEARCH PREPARATION

1. Did you secure an internship? If so, what experiences or strategies helped you obtain it, and what advice would you give to students seeking similar opportunities?
2. What obligations does your work put on you outside of the actual job?
3. What are some common entry-level positions (or graduate programs) in the field of ____?
4. What salary range, benefits, and lifestyle considerations should someone expect in an entry-level role in this career field?
5. What kind of skills/personality would be best-suited for these entry-level positions?
6. How do you see jobs like yours changing in the future?

ORGANIZATION QUESTIONS

1. How would you describe your work environment/company culture?
2. What is the turnover like at your organization, and what opportunities exist for career growth and advancement within the company?
3. Does your company's leadership value continuing education? How do they support their employees?
4. What sold you on your current position and organization?
5. What personal values helped you decide that this position or company was right for you?

NETWORKING / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1. What networking or mentoring opportunities do you recommend, and can you connect me with others?
2. Which professional journals/organizations would be most helpful in evaluating the field?
3. Can you recommend other types of organizations I should consider researching?