INITIAL CONVERSATION GUIDE

This guide can be used in conjunction with the Icebreaker exercise resource.

INTRODUCTIONS

1. Share personal and professional history.
   - What are your short-term and long-term career visions?
2. Share stories about your UGA experience.
   - What organizations were you involved in? In what freshman dorm did you live?

DISCUSS EXPECTATIONS FOR YOUR MENTORSHIP

1. What does mentoring look like to you?
2. What is it you want and expect out of this mentor relationship?
3. What is the mentor’s role? What is the mentee’s role?
4. Have you had a mentor before? What have your mentorship experiences been like?
5. How often will we meet? Weekly, Bi-weekly or Monthly?
6. How long will each interaction last?
7. How will we communicate if we need to cancel a meeting?

SET YOUR GOALS FOR YOUR MENTORSHIP

1. Where do you see yourself in five years? What practical steps do you need to take to get there?
2. What broad learning goals do you have, and why are those goals important to you?
3. Establish SMART goals for the mentoring relationship.
4. What are potential conflicts in our mentorship, and how can we overcome those?

SCHEDULE YOUR NEXT MEETING

1. What is your preferred communication style? Text, call, or email?
2. How should we meet? In person? Skype?