

DSP Mentor Meeting Discussion Topics

Quick Reference Guide

Your First Mentor Meeting

- Introduce yourself and briefly share your personal/professional history
- Set expectations
 - Establish how often you would like to meet (required at least once a month to receive a professional point)
- Discuss what you want out of this mentor/mentee relationship

Interview and Resume Advice

- Talk through resume: diction, things to include/exclude, formatting
- Advice for answering interview questions (your conduct, dress...)
 - Bring sample interview questions and discuss potential answers
- Hold a mock interview
- Create and bring a sample cover letter to discuss
- Plan how to navigate the Rawls Career Fair

Insight into Industries

- Discuss previous roles the professors have held in different industries
- Ask about lessons learned in each role they held
 - Things they wish they knew before entering the professional world
- Inquire about any job opportunities they know of and could recommend you for

Career Related

- Discuss your short-term and long-term career goals (do you want to stay at the same company, experience different industries...)
- Examine what career paths are available to take after earning your degree
- Ask about companies/industries you are interested in

Class Schedule

- Talk about what classes to take and what order to take them in for your major program
- Ask about any minors or certificates that would support your major or industry of interest
 - Brainstorm how to incorporate the necessary classes in your schedule and still reach your desired graduation date
- Discuss graduate school options if interested

Internships and Full-Time Positions

- Talk through different jobs and job descriptions you are interested in applying to
 - What do you want your typical day to be in your future profession?
- Discuss any job/internship experience you've had, things you liked and disliked (corporate culture, projects...)
- Create an approach around when to apply to internships/full-time positions