

Mentorship Modules

Mentor Module 1: It's a Pleasure to Meet You

The goal of this first session is for you to get acquainted with your mentor/mentee and to establish both goals and plans for communication and regular meetings going forward. You may have received a Personal Statement from your mentor/mentee, and if you submitted a Personal Statement, it was provided to your mentor/mentee. If you haven't already, review your partner's Personal Statement to help guide your initial conversations.

Discuss

See below for some prompts (but feel free to go wherever the conversation takes you):

- What stood out to you from your mentor/mentee's Personal Statement? Areas of connection? Impactful experiences?
- What questions do you have for your mentor/mentee?
- Who or what has influenced who you've become?
- Can you describe something that has really challenged you and how it has changed you or affected you?

Discover

The CLA's goal in this program is to develop students' leadership abilities through intentional relationships with community leaders. We also know from both research and practical experience that reciprocal learning happens between mentors and students, and we celebrate those discoveries.

Our goal is to facilitate a space where mentors and students can speak into and shape the relationship to meet their own personal interests and goals. You are both entering this partnership with unique talents, experiences, and skills that will both inform and shape your experience in this program. Take a few moments and formulate at least two personal goals for this mentoring partnership, and write them on your Mentorship Agreement or file them somewhere you won't lose them. You will revisit these. Spend some time discussing these goals.

Develop

Finally, today, review and complete the Mentorship Agreement.

- Complete the sections indicating how often you will meet, meeting formats, best methods of communication, and your goals.
- Both mentor and mentee should sign the agreement, and the mentee should return the Agreement to the CLA (either in person at a required event or emailed to cla@gvsu.edu).
- Discuss how you will handle rescheduling if unexpected conflicts interfere with getting together.
- Plan and confirm the date and time of your next meeting.