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# INTER-YEAR CONNECT

# ABSTRACT



We represent a generation of students characterized by insatiable curiosity, lofty ambitions, and grand aspirations. Yet, amidst these towering goals, we often find ourselves enveloped in a cloud of confusion. We yearn to achieve greatness, to triumph in competitions, and to unlock our full potential during our college years. However, the challenge frequently lies in either identifying the right path forward or mastering the art of navigating it. In this journey, the wisdom and guidance of our seniors emerge as invaluable treasures. Learning from their experiences and missteps can illuminate our path.

Recognizing the critical role of mentorship, we acknowledge the pressing need for a platform that facilitates meaningful interactions and collaborations between students and their seniors. Our mission is to bridge the communication gap, fostering an environment where ideas and discussions flow freely.

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Our strategy is a meticulously crafted plan that champions interactive activities among students across various stages of their academic journey, including both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. This initiative is designed to enhance cohesion within departments. More importantly, it aims to connect individuals who share similar goals. Our ultimate goal is to create a nurturing environment where students can easily connect with peers from their respective fields who share common interests. Through this, we aspire to cultivate a more harmonious and collaborative departmental culture.

# Definition of the Problem

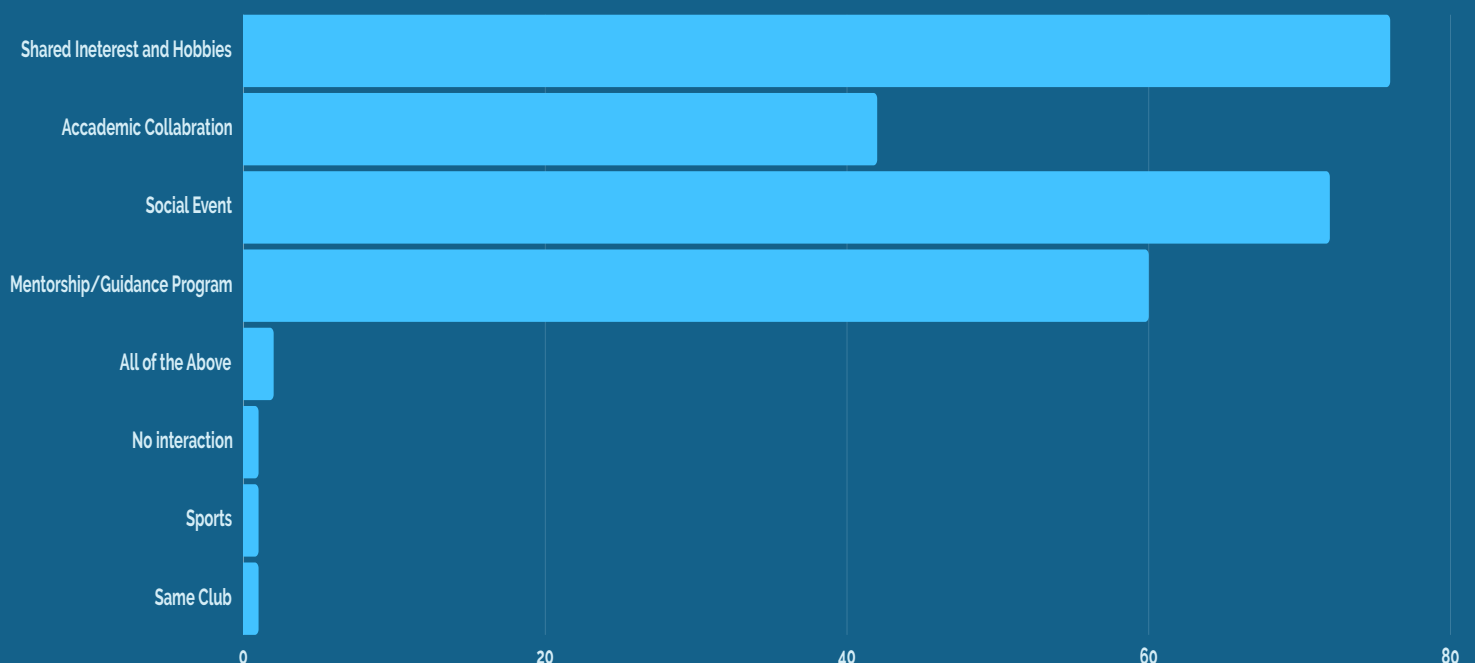


## Problem Statement

The absence of connection and interaction among students across different academic years within a college community creates a significant barrier to holistic development and a sense of belonging. Interactions between students of varying years foster a supportive environment where knowledge, experiences, and perspectives can be shared and exchanged. Such engagements not only enrich the educational experience but also promote personal growth and understanding. Without these interactions, students miss out on opportunities for mentorship, collaboration, and the cultivation of diverse networks. Moreover, inter-year engagement contributes to a stronger sense of community and belonging, enhancing overall satisfaction with the college experience. Therefore, initiatives aimed at bridging the gap between different academic years are crucial for creating a more inclusive and supportive college atmosphere that promotes the holistic development of all students.

The lack of inter-year connection within college communities often stems from several factors, including institutional structures, social dynamics, and individual behaviors. One primary origin is the segmented nature of academic programs, where students within the same year tend to take classes together, limiting opportunities for interaction with those in different years. Additionally, social cliques may form based on academic year, leading to insular groups that discourage cross-year interactions. Moreover, busy academic schedules and extracurricular commitments can leave little time for students to engage with peers outside their immediate academic circle. Lack of awareness about the benefits of inter-year engagement may also contribute to the problem, as students may not prioritize connecting with those in different academic years. Addressing these origins requires a multifaceted approach, including structural changes to academic programs, fostering inclusive social environments, promoting awareness of the importance of inter-year connections, and creating opportunities for meaningful interaction among students of all years.

## What factor influence your interaction among differernt academic year ?

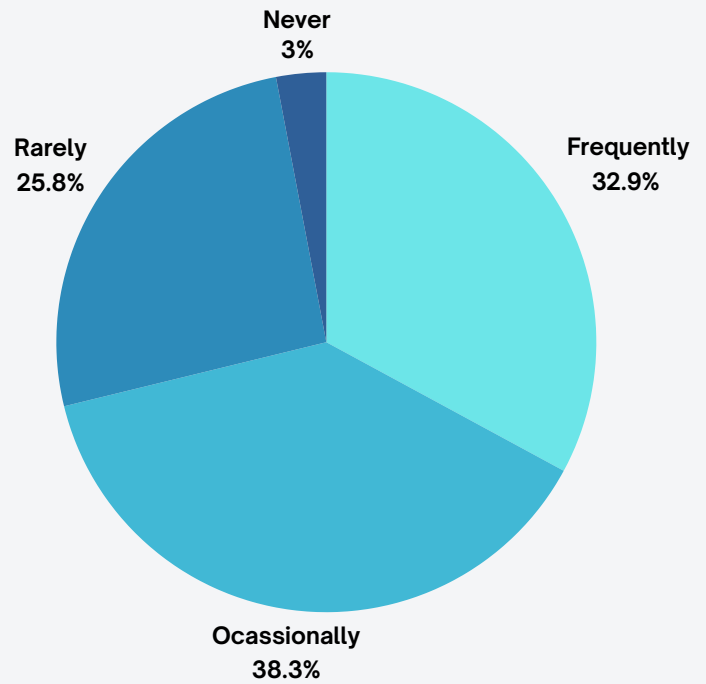




# Methodologies to identify the problem

The problem of communication gap between students and seniors in academia was identified through a comprehensive survey methodology. The survey questionnaire was carefully designed to capture various aspects of student experiences and challenges within the academic environment. Targeting a diverse range of students across different academic levels and disciplines, the survey was distributed through various channels including email lists, online platforms, and social media groups. Data collected over a specified period were analyzed to extract meaningful insights. Key findings from the survey included difficulties in accessing mentorship and guidance, feelings of disconnection among peers and seniors, and a perceived lack of communication channels. These findings directly supported the problem statement, providing concrete evidence of the challenges faced by students in navigating their academic journey. The survey results underscored the pressing need for intervention to address these issues and foster a more supportive and collaborative academic culture. In conclusion, the survey methodology played a crucial role in identifying the problem of communication gap between students and seniors, providing valuable insights that informed the development of the proposed intervention. Link to the Survey response : [LINK](#)

# How often do you interact with students of different Academic year ?



What initiatives or activities do you think could encourage more interaction between undergraduate and post-graduate students? Choose all that apply

Inter-year Learning Groups

Inter-deptm. social events

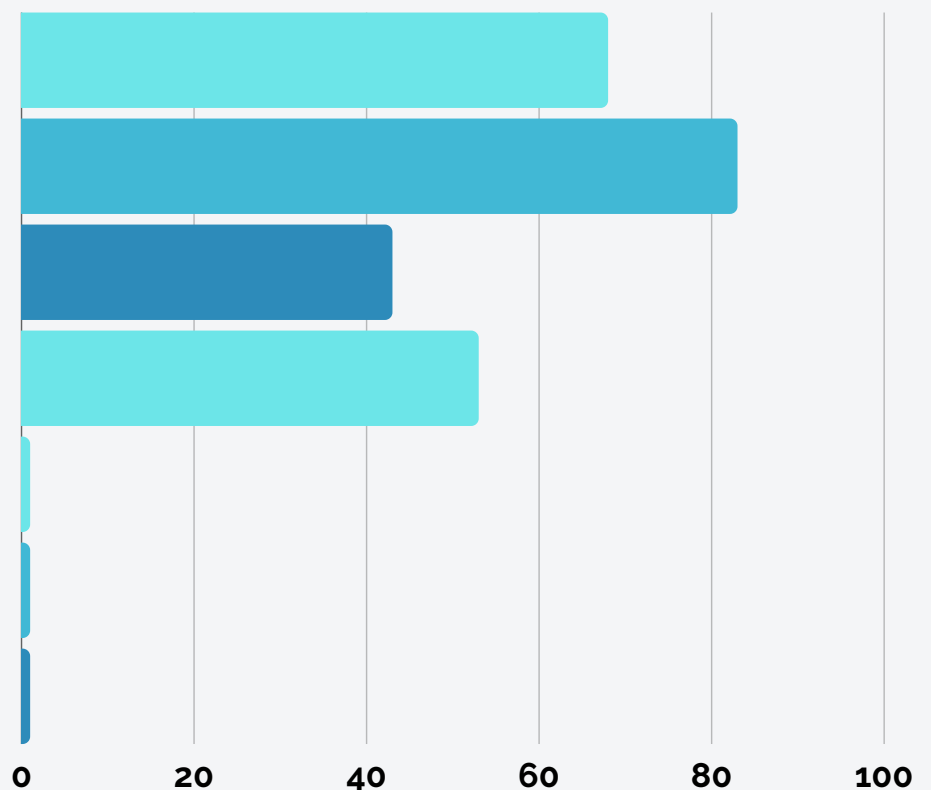
Workshops/Seminars

Research Collaboration

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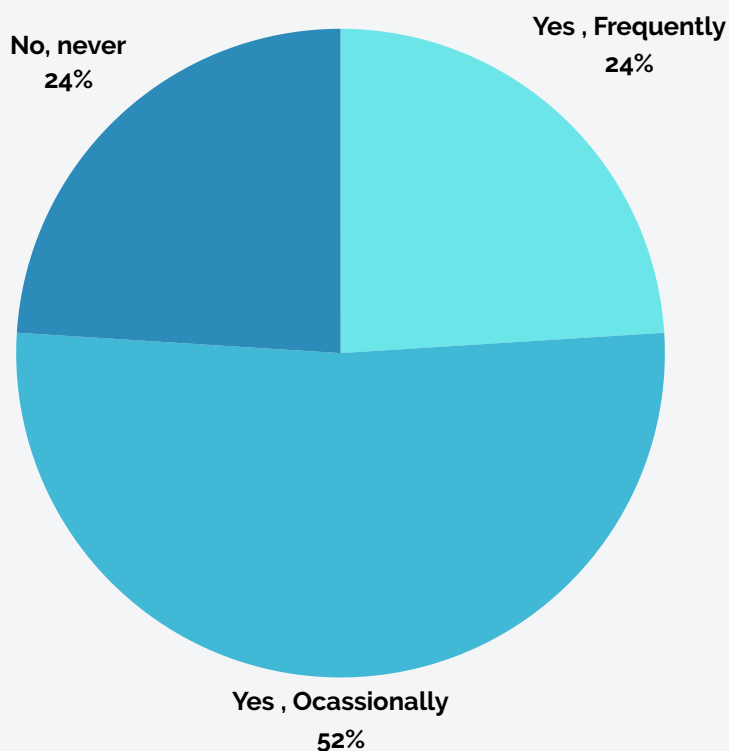
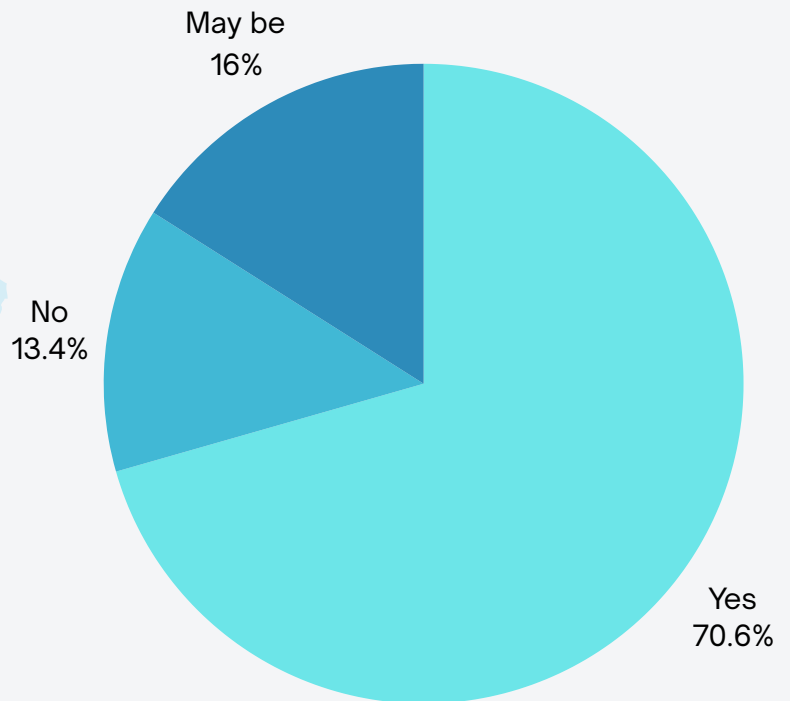
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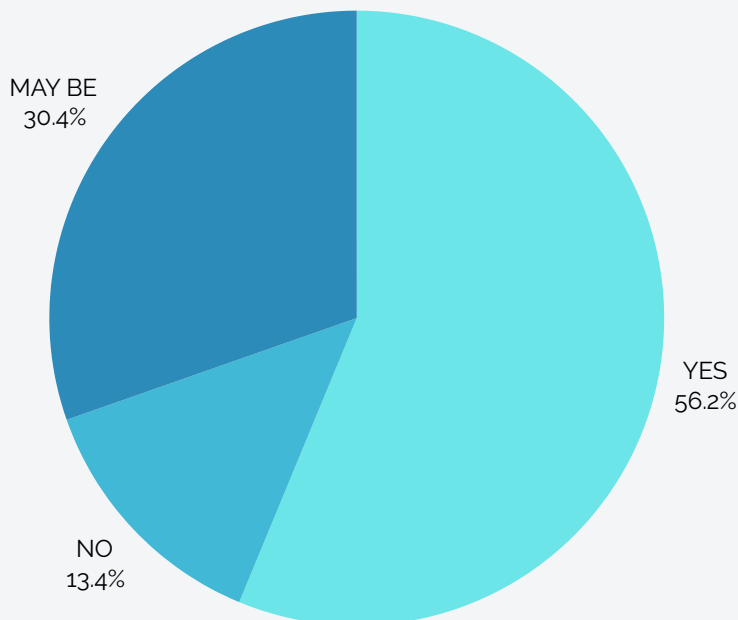
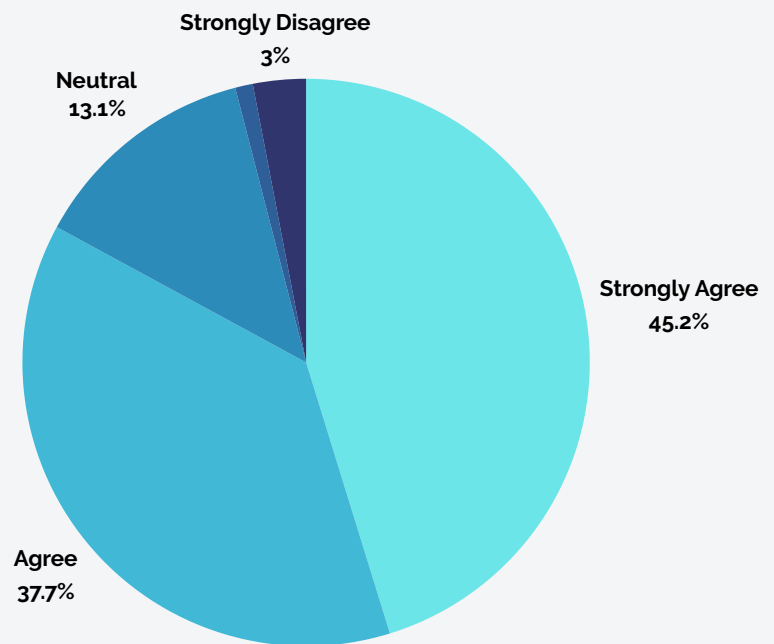


**Do you perceive a divide between undergraduates and post-graduates students in terms of social interaction on campus ?**



**Have you ever participated in any cross year academic or social activities organized by the institution?**

**Do you believe fostering more interaction between undergraduates and post-graduates students would positively impact the campus community?**



**Would you be interested in participating in or helping organize a events aimed at bridging the gap between undergraduates and post-graduates students ?**

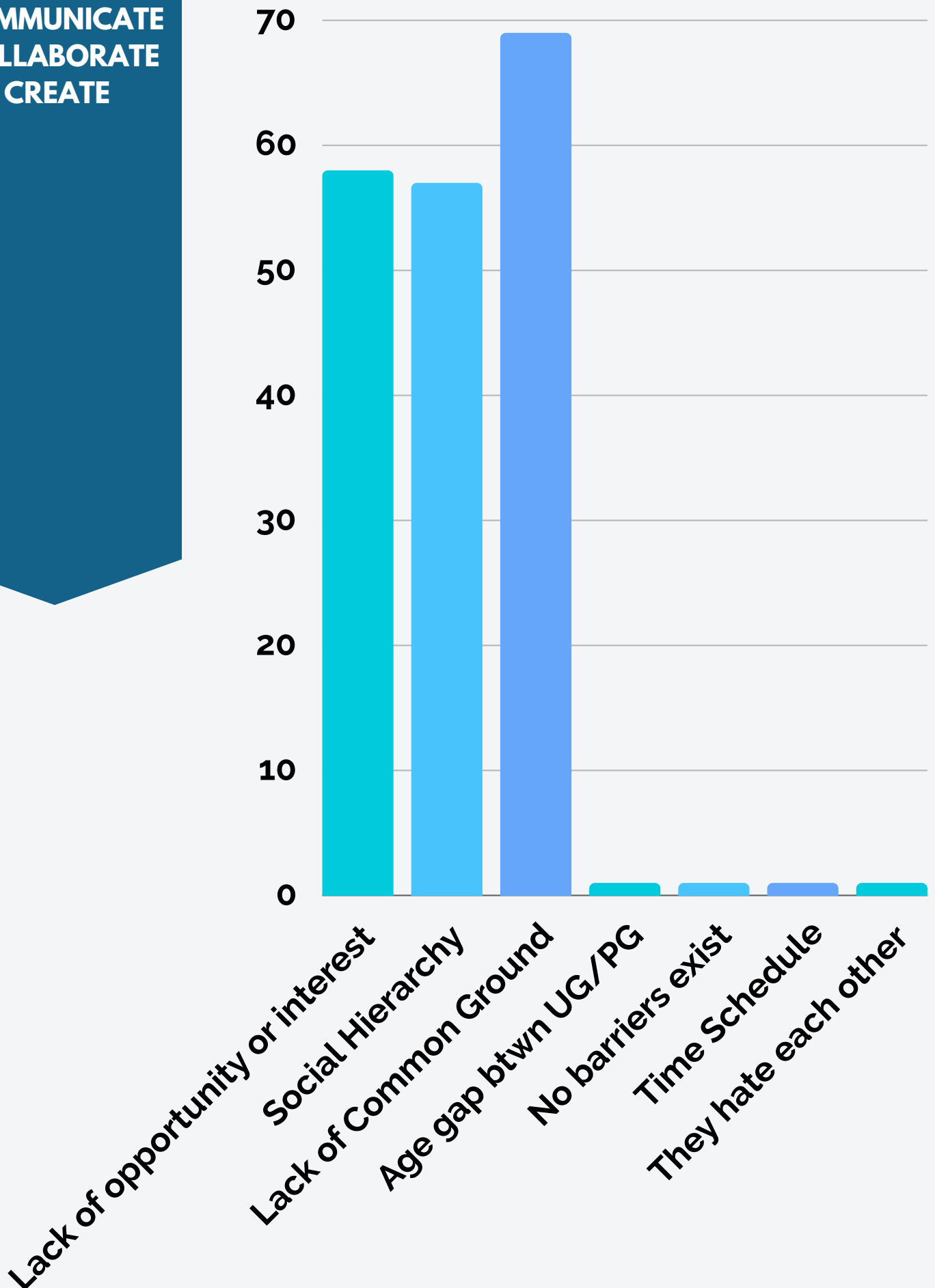




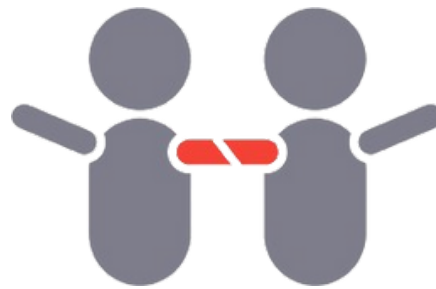
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# In your opinion, what barriers exist that hinder interaction between students from different academic years?

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## **Current developments in the domain**



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The Institute Student Mentorship Program tasked with fostering interactions among the new students with their students has notably struggled to fulfill its mandate effectively. Despite its noble intention to bridge the gap between juniors and seniors, creating a vibrant, interconnected student community, its efforts have been marred by irregular communication, lackluster event planning, and a one-size-fits-all approach that fails to cater to the diverse interests and schedules of the student body.

This inefficiency has resulted in missed opportunities for mentorship, collaboration, and the building of a cohesive college community, leaving many students feeling isolated within their academic cohorts.

# Need and significance of resolving the problem

Resolving the lack of inter-year connection within the college community is paramount for fostering a sense of unity, inclusivity, and support among students. By breaking down barriers between academic years, colleges can create a more cohesive and collaborative environment where students from all backgrounds feel valued and included. Inter-year connection enhances academic collaboration by facilitating the exchange of knowledge, ideas, and experiences across different levels of expertise. Moreover, it promotes personal development by exposing students to diverse perspectives, fostering empathy, and cultivating essential skills such as communication and teamwork. As a result, students are better prepared to navigate the complexity of the contemporary world and make a significant contribution to society. In the end, putting an emphasis on inter-year connections raises student satisfaction levels. as students feel a stronger sense of belonging and support within the college community, enhancing their overall college experience.



# Aims pertaining to minimizing/removing the gap



Creating platforms or forums for students to share experiences, advice, and resources across academic years.



Implementing mentorship programs where senior students mentor younger peers.



Organizing inter-year social events and activities to facilitate interaction.



Introducing interdisciplinary projects and group work that involve students from different academic years.

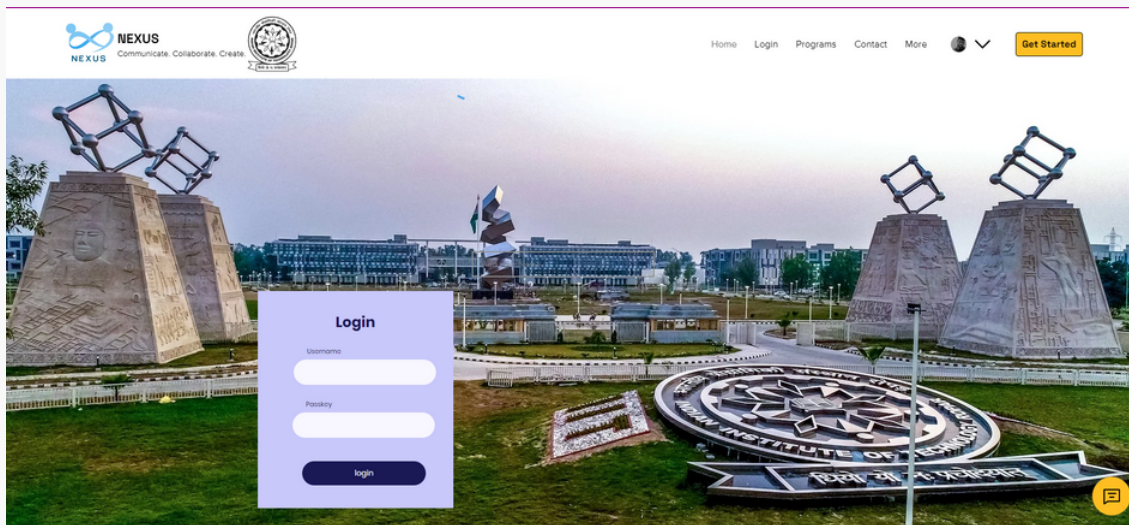


Reviewing and potentially revising institutional policies or structures that may inadvertently contribute to the lack of inter-year connection.



Overall, aims pertaining to minimizing or removing the gap aim to address the root causes of the issue and actively work towards creating a more cohesive and supportive college community where students from all academic years feel connected and included.

# Technological intervention



## WhatsApp Integration

By carrying out WhatsApp bunches for every scholarly division, the foundation can work with immediate and productive correspondence channels custom fitted to the requirements of explicit divisions.

## Site Integration

This permits students to contact their seniors and get convenient reactions to their questions or concerns.  
-Our aim is to navigate the website effortlessly to find the information they need without encountering any obstacles.

## Contest Notice System

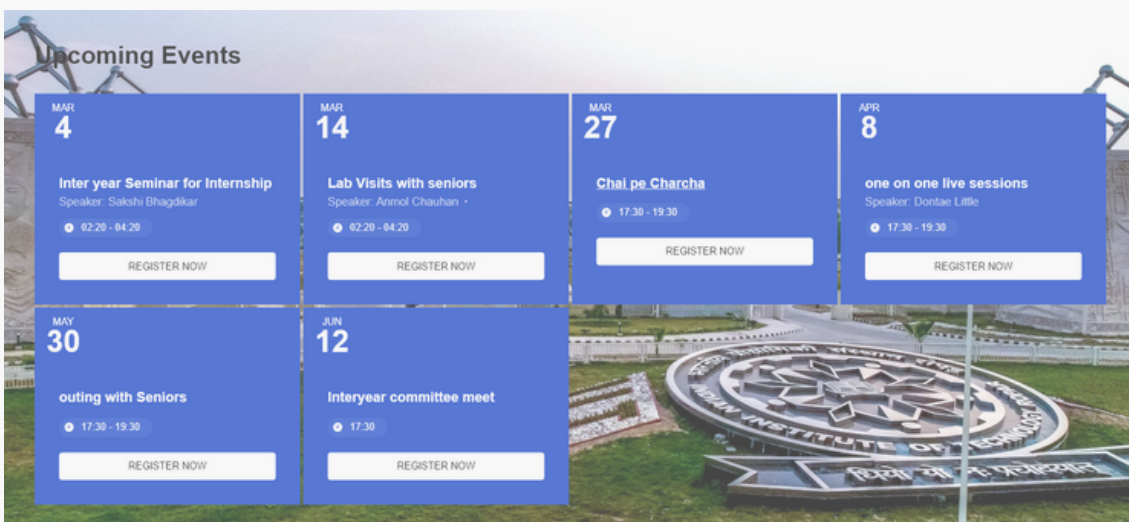
Post contest subtleties on the site and advise understudies through WhatsApp.  
- Give direct connections to contest data on the site.

## Lab Visits Coordination

Put together lab visits with workforce participation and element plans on the site.  
- Use WhatsApp for visit declarations and conversations

## Intra-Division Meets/Occasions

Have casual departmental occasions advanced by means of WhatsApp.  
- Welcome visitor speakers to upgrade conversations.



TIME FOR  
SOMETHING  
**NEW!**

# Novelty Of the Proposed Intervention

The proposed intervention innovatively merges technological tools with traditional mentorship methods, offering a novel platform unmatched in the current landscape. Unlike existing platforms that focus solely on online networking or mentorship, this initiative seamlessly integrates both digital and traditional approaches. By leveraging features like online forums and matching algorithms, it provides students with convenient access to peers and seniors with shared interests. Additionally, it emphasizes face-to-face interactions and collaborative activities, recognizing the significance of personal connections in mentorship. This holistic approach bridges geographical barriers and time constraints, ensuring a tailored and enriching experience for participants. Ultimately, the intervention creates a synergistic environment where students can cultivate meaningful relationships and achieve academic and personal growth.





## Step 1

Establish an Inter-Year Connect Committee comprising both students and faculty members to oversee the implementation of the program. This committee will be responsible for coordinating activities, monitoring progress, and addressing any challenges that may arise.

Request dedicated seniors to volunteer as mentors for the program. These seniors will play a crucial role in guiding and supporting junior students based on their academic interests and career aspirations.

Invite willing students from the second year and above to choose a domain or area of interest that aligns with their academic goals. This will help in matching students with mentors who possess relevant expertise and experience

## Step 2

Create dedicated WhatsApp channels for each domain or area of interest, where mentors and mentees can interact, share resources, and engage in discussions related to their chosen field.

## Step 3

Develop a website for the program, collaborating with faculty members to ensure the inclusion of accurate and comprehensive information about the initiative. The website will serve as a centralized hub for students to access program details, resources, and updates.

Facilitate the registration process for students interested in participating in the program. This may involve collecting relevant information such as academic background, areas of interest, and preferred communication channels.

## Step 4

## Step 5

Initiate the program by pairing mentors and mentees based on their preferences and compatibility. Organize orientation sessions to familiarize participants with the program guidelines, expectations, and available resources.



# Possible constraints or barriers in implementation and design uses

## 1

In the implementation and design of the program, several potential constraints and barriers need to be addressed to ensure its success. Firstly, resistance to change among both students and faculty members could pose a significant challenge. Some individuals may be hesitant to adopt new technologies or methodologies, particularly if they are accustomed to more traditional forms of mentorship. Overcoming this resistance will require effective communication, training, and ongoing support to demonstrate the benefits and value of the program.

## 3

Additionally, technical challenges in implementing and managing online platforms and applications may arise. These challenges could include issues related to compatibility, usability, security, and scalability. Addressing these technical challenges will require collaboration with IT experts, ongoing monitoring and troubleshooting, and proactive measures to ensure a smooth user experience.

## 2

Secondly, limited resources and funding for program development and maintenance may hinder the implementation process. Developing and maintaining online platforms, such as websites and applications, requires financial investment, as well as ongoing support and updates to ensure functionality and usability. Securing adequate resources and funding will be essential to sustain the program in the long term and to meet the evolving needs of participants

## 4

Despite these potential constraints and barriers, proactive planning, stakeholder engagement, and flexibility in approach can help mitigate risks and ensure the successful implementation and design of the program. By addressing these challenges head-on and remaining responsive to the needs and feedback of participants, we can maximize the effectiveness and impact of the program in fostering mentorship and collaboration among students.

Inter-year connection in college offers numerous advantages for students, contributing to their holistic development and enriching their overall college experience. Some of the key advantages include :

## KNOWLEDGE SHARING

- Interacting with students from different academic years allows for the exchange of knowledge, experiences, and perspectives. Senior students can provide valuable insights, advice, and mentorship to younger students, helping them navigate academic challenges, choose courses, and plan their career paths

## SOCIAL SUPPORT AND NETWORKING

- Building connections with students across different academic years fosters a supportive environment where students can seek guidance, encouragement, and friendship. These social networks not only provide emotional support but also offer opportunities for collaboration, teamwork, and professional networking.

## PERSONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

- Interacting with peers from diverse backgrounds and experiences promotes personal growth and self-awareness. Students learn to appreciate different perspectives, challenge their assumptions, and develop empathy and cultural competence, essential skills for success in a diverse and interconnected world.

## ENHANCED LEARNING EXPERIENCE

- Collaborating with students from different academic years enriches the learning experience both inside and outside the classroom. Interdisciplinary projects, study groups, and extracurricular activities involving students from diverse academic backgrounds foster creativity, critical thinking, and innovation.

## COMMUNITY BUILDING

Inter-year connections contribute to a stronger sense of community and belonging within the college campus. By breaking down barriers between academic years, students develop a shared identity and collective responsibility for the well-being of the college community, leading to a more inclusive and supportive environment for all.

## PREPARATION FOR THE FUTURE

Building relationships with peers across different academic years prepares students for life beyond college. Learning to communicate effectively, collaborate with diverse teams, and navigate social dynamics are valuable skills that transfer to the workplace and other social settings

**Overall, inter-year connection in college contributes to a more vibrant, inclusive, and supportive learning community, where students thrive academically, socially, and personally.**



## SUGGESTED PLAN OF ACTION FOR UTILIZATION OF OUTCOME



### COMMITMENT

- The projects ought to effectively include understudies, empowering their investment and encouraging a feeling of having a place inside the college local area.

### STRENGTHENING

- Undergraduate ought to feel enabled to assume responsibility for their scholastic process, outfitted with the important assets, backing, and information to succeed.

### VIABILITY

- The drives ought to yield unmistakable outcomes, for example, worked on scholarly execution, expanded degrees of consistency, and improved general fulfillment among understudies.

### VALUE

- Each understudy, paying little heed to foundation or conditions, ought to have equivalent admittance to the help and amazing open doors given, guaranteeing decency and inclusivity.

### IMPROVEMENT

- The encounters offered ought to advance the understudy insight, giving scholastic development as well as private and expert improvement open doors.

# Together We Connect...

The Inter-Year Interface Program is a huge drive pointed toward resolving the urgent issue of between year association inside our school local area. Perceiving the effect of mentorship and companion connection on the university experience, this program exemplifies our obligation to encouraging inclusivity and backing for all understudies.

Our report stresses the results of the absence of significant associations across scholarly years, featuring the need to connect this correspondence hole. Through an exhaustive methodology mixing mechanical development with conventional mentorship strategies, we plan to develop a climate where thoughts flourish and associations prosper.

Our proposed mediation, intended to advance intelligent exercises across different scholastic stages, holds potential in cultivating departmental attachment and joining people with shared objectives. Utilizing stages like WhatsApp combination and an easy to understand site, we try to smooth out correspondence and give open assets, engaging understudies to explore their school process unhesitatingly.

What separates our mediation is its all encompassing methodology, underscoring both innovative devices and eye to eye associations. By cultivating a culture of joint effort and consideration, we imagine a powerful school local area where each understudy feels esteemed and upheld.

In rundown, the Between Year Associate Program typifies our vision of sustaining a climate where understudies can undoubtedly interface with companions and tutors, share encounters, and leave on a groundbreaking excursion of development. We stretch out our appreciation to our regarded teacher for their direction and backing. Together, let us make a tradition of greatness and fellowship, preparing for a more promising time to come for our school local area

# Each student contribution to the development and contribution

In leveraging the expertise of each student to contribute to the development and progress of the program, we have allocated specific roles based on individual strengths and interest

- **Chahat** - 2022MEB1046
- **Aditi Garg** - 2022MEB1289
- **Arnav Maitrey** - 2022MEB1299
- **Priyanshu Gupta** - 2022MEB1330

**Chahat** focused on reporting, tasked with documenting the program's progress and outcomes. Her strong writing skills and ability to distill complex information into clear, concise reports ensured that stakeholders were well-informed. Chahat's reports highlighted achievements, challenges, and insights gleaned from the program, serving as a valuable resource for future planning and improvement.

**Aditi** partnered with **Priyanshu** in the ideation process but also took on the responsibility of conducting surveys. Her analytical skills and meticulous attention to detail made her ideally suited for designing and analyzing surveys. This involved crafting questions that elicited meaningful insights and interpreting the data to guide the program's direction.



**Arnav** applied his web development skills to create the program's website. His role was critical in ensuring that the digital platform was not only functional and user-friendly but also engaging. Arnav's expertise in coding and design brought the virtual aspects of the program to life, enabling seamless interaction among participants.

**Priyanshu** took a lead role in the ideation phase, using his knack for creative thinking and problem-solving to generate innovative ideas that shaped the program. His ability to envision broad possibilities and novel solutions laid a solid foundation for the program's unique offerings.



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