RCEL MENTORSHIP KICK-OFF MEETING

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ABOUT RCEL

Help engineering students develop skills not covered in engineering curriculum

Creating and communicating a vision

Building a high performing team

Resolving conflict

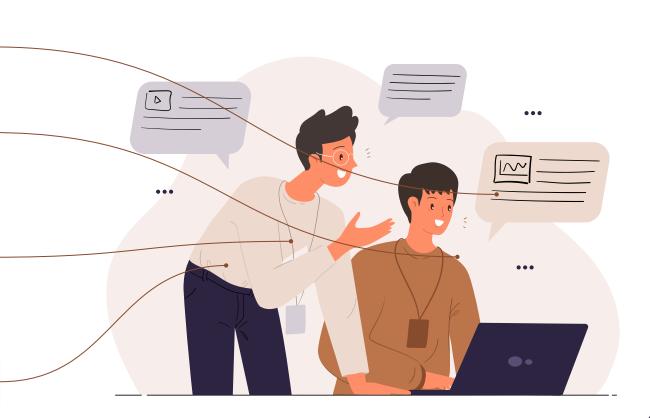**Negotiation**

Innovating

Mentorship Program Goals

Career Path Mentorship

Learn from Mentor's Experience

Assistance in making academic & professional decisions

Practice Networking

Program Expectations

A Meet a minimum of once monthly
- ~Three more times this fall
- ~Four times next spring

B Students:
- Take initiative reaching out
- Schedule meetings
- Be on time
- Be respectful
- Ask questions!

C Mentors:
- Responsive
- Open to sharing their experiences & advice

NOTE: mentor is **<u>not</u>** expected to offer the mentee a job, help the mentee obtain specific employment, or make specific introductions to employers.

First Meeting Tips

A Introduce yourselves! Say hi!

B Decide logistics
- Main form of communication (share contact information if not already done)
- Time commitment each person can give / when to have meetings
- What each person expects from the other

C Share backgrounds
- Majors / minors / residential colleges
- Past research and job experience
- Personal hobbies and interests
- Mentors: graduate/undergraduate experiences
  - How did you get where you are now?
- Mentees: future plans and career goals

Try to have the first meeting by the end of October!

Feel free to discuss anything you would like to! These are just some ideas to get you started.

Thank you all for attending!

Any questions?

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