

MENTOR STARTING MATERIALS



Thank you for your commitment to mentoring undergraduate students this semester! This document contains some potential prompts to discuss with your mentees. Please feel free to use any of these ideas or develop your own in order to build a relationship with your mentees.

MENTOR – MENTEE MEETINGS

- **Set up a regular or flexible meeting schedule depending on mentor/mentee preferences**
 - ex: every other Friday during the semester (regular) or decide different meeting times at the beginning of each month (flexible)
- **Discuss logistical details**
 - What time zones are you and your mentee in?
 - What are your preferred methods of communication?
 - What are your preferred methods of meeting?
(ex: Zoom, phone call, other software)

POTENTIAL DISCUSSION TOPICS (MENTOR → MENTEE)

Please keep in mind that many undergraduate students are undecided on field of study and future plans and have widely varying research experience. This is an opportunity for them to learn more about research at Yale and graduate/professional school – get them excited about these possibilities!

- “What is your prospective major or field of study?”
- Discuss why you chose to pursue graduate/professional school
- Discuss why you chose your field of study
- “Are you interested in graduate or professional school?”
 - “Any questions about the application process?”
 - “Any questions about the graduate/professional school process once enrolled?”
- Provide advice on how to get involved in research and choose a lab (if STEM) or advisor in other fields
- Provide perspective on how graduate school is different from an undergraduate education