

# ROADMAP TO MENTORSHIP

This roadmap provides you with a structured and actionable guide to find a meaningful mentorship relationship that supports your personal, academic, and professional growth.

## *SELF REFLECTION*

Understand your strengths and weakness to determine areas of growth. Identify goals for personal and professional development.

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## *TIMELINE*

Establish a timeline for tasks within the roadmap to ensure you have obtained a mentorship prior to the first day of class.

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## *RESEARCH MENTORS*

Seek industry professionals in your desired field that align with your goals. Utilize resources such as company websites, professional associations, and networking events.

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## *PREPARE OUTREACH*

Be prepared to illustrate your skills, knowledge, and goals. Craft a compelling message that explains why you are seeking mentorship and why you think the mentor would be a good fit.

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## *OUTREACH*

Don't limit yourself to one mentor; ask multiple professionals to increase your chance of finding a good fit. Use appropriate and varied mediums to deliver your message: email, phone call, direct messaging, etc.

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## *LEVERAGE RESOURCES*

Utilize REDC to polish your resume, portfolio, and interview skills.

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## *BE PROACTIVE*

Follow up with potential mentors. Be proactive in scheduling meetings. Be punctual, prepared, and focused with your communication. Be respectful of time constraints. Show gratitude.

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### HELPFUL TIPS:

- Be patient and persistent. Finding a mentor can take time.
- Be respectful. Understand that mentors, like you, have their own commitments. Show gratitude for their time.
- Be proactive and remain engaged in the process.

By following this roadmap, you should be able to find a meaningful mentorship experience that helps you grow personally and professionally!

*For additional support, reach out to your faculty and / or Internship Coordinator.*