



# VCU

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## Graduate School Mentorship Program

### **Graduate Student Mentor Application**

#### **About the GSMP**

The Graduate School Mentorship Program (GSMP) provides opportunities for undergraduate students to work directly with graduate students in a meaningful mentoring relationship. The mission of the GSMP is to expose undergraduate students to the graduate experience as they make decisions about post-baccalaureate study and transition from undergraduate to graduate student status. In addition, the program provides graduate students with the opportunity to develop mentoring skills as they share personal experiences with undergraduate participants. Preference is given to those who have not been mentors before and who are not pre-matched.

#### **Mentor Requirements**

- Attend and actively participate in all GSMP meetings:
  - Program Orientation – Early September
  - Workshop – November
  - Mid-Program Meeting – Late January
  - Service Project February
- Participate in service-learning project. The mentors and mentees will volunteer as a group at a community service event (date and location TBD).
- Meet in person with mentee for one to three hours.
- Complete periodic electronic surveys.
- Provide shadowing opportunities for their undergraduate students
- Participate with mentee in one-to-one check in meeting with program staff

Please feel free to contact the Mentorship Program Coordinator,  
at [gsmp@vcu.edu](mailto:gsmp@vcu.edu) or (804) 827-4544 with questions.



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Please return to [gsmp@vcu.edu](mailto:gsmp@vcu.edu) or  
The Graduate School, Blair House, 408 W. Franklin Street, Room 113

Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Student ID (V-number): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Telephone: [Click here to enter text.](#)

VCU email address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Current degree program: [Click here to enter text.](#) Current cumulative GPA: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Have you ever worked with a mentor? When did you work with a mentor? What was the outcome? [Click here to enter text.](#)

Have you ever been a mentor? [Click here to enter text.](#)

Did you participate in a mentoring program at VCU?

Did you participate in our mentoring program? What year did you participate? [Click here to enter text.](#)

What was the outcome of the mentoring? [Click here to enter text.](#)

Please attach a written statement (no more than one page) regarding your interest in mentorship and why you believe you are a strong candidate for this program. Please have a reference complete the attached letter of recommendation and submit it with your application.

*I have discussed my interest in the Graduate School Mentorship Program with my academic adviser, thesis/dissertation chair, or department chair, and he/she supports my participation in the program for the \_\_\_\_\_ academic year, as evidenced by the signature on the following line (electronic approval from adviser is acceptable).*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of academic adviser

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Name of academic adviser (please print)

I certify by signing or typing my name below that my application is complete and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

