



Harvard First Generation Mentoring Program: Mentee Responsibilities

The First Generation Mentoring Program exists to offer you guidance and foster a sense of community during your freshman year. Mentors are college graduates who were also first generation college students, many of whom are involved in the program because they were Harvard undergraduates, or otherwise feel a connection to current first generation freshmen. This commonality means that your mentor is in a unique position to understand your experiences as you begin your college career at Harvard. As mentor, they will listen and offer you guidance during this exciting stage in your life! As a mentee, you are expected to:

- Spend up to 2 hours a month with your mentor throughout freshman year.
- Maintain contact with your mentor. Return phone calls, texts and emails.
- When you first meet with your mentor let them know how often you would like to meet and what your expectations are of the program.
- Keep appointments that you schedule with your mentor. Try not to cancel meetings if you can help it. If you absolutely cannot make it to a meeting you've scheduled, let your mentor know as far ahead of time as you can and offer a good time to reschedule.
- When you can, take responsibility for setting appointments. For example, if you haven't heard from your mentor in a few weeks, reach out and say hello.
- In order to get the most of your time together with your mentor have a clear idea of what you would like to discuss before your meeting.
- Let your mentor know what you need and whether the mentoring relationship is working for you; your mentor is involved in the program *for you* and wants it to be a positive experience for you. S/he will work hard to make the relationship work.
- If you encounter major problems in your mentoring relationship that you cannot resolve on your own (and we hope that you won't), reach out to Rafael Burgos-Mirabal and let him know (rafael@post.harvard.edu). He will do his best to help.
- At the end of freshman year, complete the end of year evaluation so that we can continue to improve the program for next year's freshmen.
- Have fun, and best of luck in your freshman year!