

ENGAGING THE RELATIONSHIP

Mentors who involve the mentee in the very first conversation set a positive tone for the relationship. Here are some ideas to get you started.

The First 7 Questions to Ask a Mentee / Mentees to Answer

1. What are your professional and personal goals?
2. Why did you choose to participate in the internship? What interested you about the internship?
3. What major or majors are you considering? And why?
4. What special situations do we need to consider along with your goals and career planning?
For example, do you have a job? Are you responsible for your family? Do you have military obligations?
5. What questions do you have about:
 - Requirements for NPS careers?
 - Building a federal resume?
 - Your living quarters?
 - What kinds of outdoor activities you can partake in within the park or park surrounding areas?
6. Are you aware of the resources available to you via me, as your mentor?
7. How can I, as your mentor, help you most?
 - Provide information on NPS policies and procedures?
 - Provide information on the park resources and culture?
 - Career guidance?