Suggested Questions

It can sometimes be challenging to figure out where to start a mentoring relationship. Here are some conversation starters that can help guide the discussion to help make the relationship a productive one for both the mentor and the mentee.

Questions for Mentors to Ask Mentees:

• What is it that you really want to be and do?
• Why are you interested in a career in business/communications?
• What are you already doing that is helping you get there?
• What are you not doing (or what skills do or experiences do you need to gain) that is preventing you from getting there?
• What will you do differently tomorrow to meet those challenges?
• How can I help / where do you need the most help?

Questions for Mentees to Ask Mentors:

• When you graduated, what were your ideas/goals? Where did you start after graduation?
• What does a typical day in your job look like?
• What is your favorite/least favorite part of your job?
• What would you have done differently if you had a chance to start over?
• What skills are important for success in your position or other similar positions in business/communications?
• What advice do you have for RDs interested in pursuing business/communications as a career path?
• How can I get the most out of my Academy/DBC membership?