The First Meetings with your Mentee

The first session should ‘break the ice’ and start the process of getting to know one another. This is the ideal time to:

- Meet in a social environment, such as a cafe
- Agree a mutual understanding of what the Graduate Peer Mentoring Program is about
- Gain a mutual understanding of the roles of Mentor and Mentee
- Seek an agreement on the process: how often to meet, how to make contact (email, phone?), what topics and questions to discuss.

Conversation starters

In case you are feeling ‘tongue-tied’, below are some suggested topics to start your conversation.

University life

- Why did you choose to study here?
- What subjects will you study?
- Where can students go for assistance to find work?
- What do you hope to do after their course?

General

- Where do you live? What is the best thing about your suburb?
- What did you do over Christmas and New Year?
- What has been your best work experience so far?
- What about your family and family history?

Melbourne culture

- How well do you know Melbourne?
- Where do you go for entertainment and recreation?
- What sporting events do you like to attend?
- How familiar are you with the various festivals around Melbourne?
- What sort of music are you interested in and how do you participate?
- Are you interested in films? What sort of films?
Ten Great Things To Do Together

2. Go to the library together and find out how to search the catalogues efficiently: http://www.library.unimelb.edu.au/
4. Discuss your work experience and career goals and visit the Business and Economics Careers Centre (Level 1, The Spot) to register for an Initial Career Interview: http://www.gsbe.unimelb.edu.au/careers/programs/initial-interviews.html
5. Cook a meal together with some friends: http://australianfood.about.com/od/discoveraussienzfood/u/EasyAustralianNZRecipes.htm
6. Participate in a sporting activity together, e.g., join the gym or attend a fitness class: http://www.sports.unimelb.edu.au/
8. Joint the GSBE Student Association together: http://www.gsbesa.org/joomla/
9. Visit some of the on-campus galleries, e.g., Ian Potter Gallery on Swanston Street, (http://www.art-museum.unimelb.edu.au/) or the George Paton Gallery in the Union Building (http://union.unimelb.edu.au/georgepaton)
10. Learn about the GSBE Global Communication and Leadership Award and get involved: http://www.gsbe.unimelb.edu.au/current/leadership-award/