

Student stories: Mentoring

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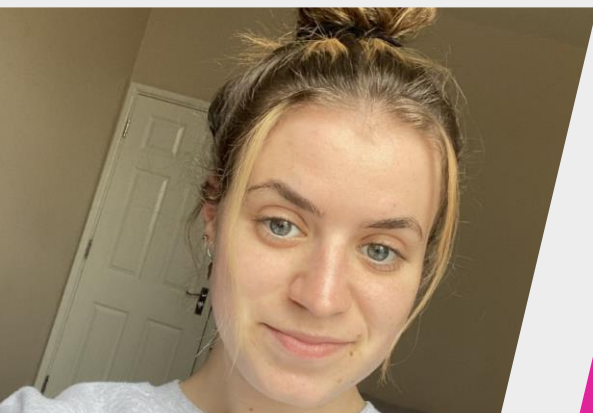
When I applied for the Mentoring Scheme, I wanted to broaden my understanding of career options, and if I'm completely honest to gain some experience for my CV. Having taken part in the Scheme I received a wealth of valuable advice and developed skills above and beyond my original expectations.

Engaging with my mentor, a Bristol graduate working in New York for an economics research consultancy, I became more confident and comfortable in a professional environment. My mentor had also worked for the Civil Service and enlightened me about the job itself as well as the application process. This first-hand account was incredibly illuminating and I believe was of higher value than just

reading about it.

The task set by my mentor allowed for further research and subsequent discussion to hear our mentor's expertise. We presented findings, which allowed us to participate in valuable small group discussion. The feedback on our presentation was an alternative perspective to that given from an academic and has allowed me to develop such skills further.

Completing the log after each meeting was a chance to reflect on everything I had learned and document my overall experience. If you have are considering applying for the mentoring scheme, I would really urge you to take the plunge – it was brilliant!



"I learned interview and application tips, improved my presentation skills, and was informed of the many career possibilities upon graduation."