

Mentorship Program

Presentation of Program

Purpose (i.e. Why do we need a mentorship program?):

- Student involvement in GCSAC may increase with this implementation of this program
- The greater the input from students, the more meaningful and relevant GCSAC-planned events can be
- There is a significant divide between lower-level and upper-level students; we feel as though upper-level students have a great deal of personal experience and expertise in the program to provide
- It can be intimidating for first year students to reach out and become involved in student groups, community organizations, etc.
- The Human Rights program can be difficult to navigate as a first-year student

Time Commitment: Twice a month, three hours total (can be negotiated between partners)

Mentors would provide:

- Networking opportunities (introductions to professors, community leaders, different organizations, etc...)
- Invitations to events (e.g. guest speakers, trivia night)
 - A first-year student may not feel comfortable going to events alone, this provides an opportunity for students to bond and create new relationships
- Insight into personal experiences with the degree program (e.g. classes, practicums)
- Insight into personal involvement in any university groups and/or volunteer organizations

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Participation Requirements:

- Mentors and mentored students must commit to being an *active GCSAC member
- Feedback regarding mentorship program (i.e. what is working, what can be improved)

Application Process:

- Applications are *strongly* encouraged to be submitted within the first three weeks of the semester
 - Late applications will be accepted, however we cannot guarantee the length of time for assigning mentorship partners
- Professors can provide information regarding mentorship on the first day of classes
 - May also specifically recommend students who they feel might benefit from this program
- Prospective mentors and mentorship recipients must fill out the attached applications
- Executive Committee will review all applications and match up best partnerships based on interest and experience
- Anyone on the Executive Committee will be seen as a potential mentor

*An *active* GCSAC member: declares availability for meeting times (keeping in mind that the GCSAC may not be able to accommodate all scheduling requests), volunteers or participates in events when available, maintains communication in group discussions on Facebook and via email.

Mentorship Recipient Application

Please bring the completed application to the Global College front desk or email it to uw.gcsac@gmail.com. Don't forget to Like us on Facebook and follow our Instagram @uw.gcsac for any updates!

The Global College Student Advisory Council (GCSAC) Mentorship Program partners students who are new or showed legitimate interest in the Human Rights program with students who are nearing completion of the program. By providing experienced mentors to new students, we hope to facilitate an easier, earlier integration of students into the Global College community. If you feel you could benefit from guidance in navigating the Human Rights degree, meeting others with similar interests, and becoming more involved with events on campus and in the greater community, our mentorship program is for you! **Mentors will provide recipients with three hours of their time per month, divided into two separate meetings of 1.5 hours (or as negotiated between partners).** Please send us an email if you have any remaining questions regarding the Mentorship Program.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Year: _____ Declared major(s): _____
(Don't panic if you don't have one yet!)

I am a ... **Local / Rural / Out of Province / International** ... student. *Circle best option.*

... **Other:** _____

Would you like to join the program for **Fall Semester, Winter Semester** or **Fall/Winter**

Semesters? *Terms can be extended if both parties agree.* _____

What are you looking for in this program? *Check all that apply.*

- A peer for academic guidance (e.g. degree planning)
- Special networking opportunities
- Invitation and information on guest speakers and special events at the University of Winnipeg and Global College

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- Someone to shadow non-governmental organization (NGO) work

- A mentor that has completed a practicum

- Extracurricular activities like conferences and student groups

- Other: _____

Are you interested in any specific Human Rights topics (e.g. Women's rights, Indigenous rights, Language rights, Environmental rights)?

Why would this mentorship be good for you? How are you hoping to benefit from this program?

Are there any additional requirements or concerns you have regarding your application?

By signing this form, I understand that:

- I am committing to be an *active member of GCSAC

- My mentor is required to provide a minimum of three (3) hours a month to this program

- My mentor is a volunteer and there may be limits to time and knowledge which they can provide

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- GCSAC will provide me with a mentor which best suits this application
- I am required to provide feedback to the GCSAC via email after the completion of this program

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Name: _____ Email: _____

Year: _____ Declared majors: _____
(Don't panic if you don't have one!)

I am a ... **Local / Rural / Out of Province / International** ... student. *Circle best option.*

... **Other:** _____

Would you like to join the program for **Fall Semester, Winter Semester** or **Fall/Winter Semesters**? *Terms can be extended if both parties agree.* _____

What can you provide as a mentor? Circle all that apply.

- Academic guidance (e.g. degree planning)
- Special networking opportunities (introductions to professors, community leaders, etc.)
- Invitation and information on guest speakers and special events at the University of Winnipeg and Global College
- Shadowing for non-governmental organization (NGO) work

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- Practicum experience
- Involvement in extracurricular activities like conferences and student groups
- Other: _____

Do you have a particular focus on a specific topic in human rights? (e.g. Women's rights, Indigenous rights, Language rights, Environmental rights)?

Why would you be a good mentor? How might you be able to benefit your mentorship recipient?

Are you able to provide mentorship to more than one student? If so, how many? _____

Are there any additional requirements or concerns you have regarding your application ?

By signing this form, I understand that:

- I am committing to be an *active member of GCSAC
- The GCSAC and my mentorship recipient know that I am a volunteer and there may be limits to time and knowledge which I can provide
- The GCSAC will assign me to a mentorship recipient who best suits this application

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- I am required to provide feedback to the GCSAC via email after the completion of this program
- The GCSAC will provide me with, *upon request*, a reference letter after the completion of one term of mentorship

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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