

The first conversation, a guide for students.

Getting Started:

Many students might be a bit nervous about their first contact with their mentor. Once a student and a mentor establish a rapport and are able to get to know one another on a more personal level the professional relationship between the mentor and mentee should blossom. It is probably best to have initial contact in person or on Skype. It may be a bit more awkward to have your first conversation on the telephone.

It is certainly recommended that you read your mentor's profile and determine common interests and experiences at K-State which you can discuss. Please remember that our mentors are excited to have the opportunity to work with you so you should not be too nervous about this initial conversation. Here are some questions that you may wish to ask your mentor to "get the ball rolling"

- Tell me about what you do for a living?
- Are there any activities you wished you had participated in at K-State?
- What other types of jobs have you had in the past?
- What are some of your favorite things about K-State?
- Tell me about where you are from? OR What is it like to live in?

Please remember to express your enthusiasm about this process and how grateful you are that your mentor is devoting time to helping you in your career/internship search!