

# Student stories: mentoring

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The mentoring scheme is a great way to build a relationship with professionals within the sector that you wish to go into in the future. I saw it as an amazing opportunity to test my ability to communicate and work closely with an ex-student, who has been through the same system as myself and is now successfully utilising her degree in an official environment.

I have really benefitted from being able to ask course and university related questions as well as developing my presentation and research skills through the tasks set. This is an element that is very specific to this scheme and this information wouldn't be as easily accessible without it.

With COVID prohibiting lots of aspects of university life I was originally concerned about how this scheme would be able to adapt. However, there have been no elements that haven't been able to take place and our web meetings have allowed all members of my group, who are in a variety of different countries, to discuss any questions and work together.

My mentor set my group the challenge to create presentations and reports in relation to the work that she does on a daily basis. Having this opportunity to be critiqued by a professional and have open discussions with my group is great practice for what will be required of me in the future.



“As my mentor has recently been through the Bristol system, they were a great person to talk to about third year options, CVs, applications and how to cope with increased workloads.”