

Student stories: Mentoring

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I applied to the Mentoring Scheme because I didn't know what career I wanted to pursue after graduation. By connecting with a Bristol graduate who had taken a similar degree, I hoped to get some useful advice and direction on how to apply my degree after graduation.

I was mentored by a political risk analyst, and one highlight was carrying out my own risk analysis project on US-China tensions – in particular, on the risks these tensions posed to the economy. This was a fascinating topic, and I was given a lot of freedom to research and explore the subject area. In completing the task my mentor set I gained valuable research and presentation skills.

My mentor was very approachable and helpful, which made the experience really enjoyable. I am now more confident and assured when engaging in professional environments and meetings, as I hadn't had much experience of this before.

Taking part remotely allowed me to connect with a mentor who worked in Singapore; it would not have been possible to make these connections otherwise.

I would definitely recommend the scheme to other students. It's an opportunity to gain experience and advice that can be balanced well with your studies and other commitments.



“The scheme contributed to my Bristol PLUS Award, and also helped me to secure an internship over the summer.”