The Road to Government, Policy, and Service (RTGPS) Mentoring Program seeks to pair 50 students with 50 RU alumni mentors for 1:1 mentoring to give them an edge in breaking into careers. It’s okay if you aren’t sure what you want to do quite yet. It’s also okay if you have a 5-year plan and want to learn more about how to achieve your goals. A mentor can help you every step of the way and can also help you build the skills you need to land your next internship or job.

Here are some answers to common questions students ask about the program:

(1) **Who can apply for these mentoring programs?** First-year students, sophomores and juniors

(2) **How much time does this require?** Students are expected to maintain a minimum of two hours of contact with their mentor per month between February 2020 and August 2020. Many students have more communication with their mentors because they find their advice and guidance extremely useful!

(3) **How do I contact my mentor?** The program is meant to be very flexible! You can meet with your mentor face to face, talk on the phone, or meet virtually. Or, you can communicate through a combination of these means. You’re in the driver’s seat!

(4) **Who are the alumni mentors?** Our alumni mentors have exciting careers and expertise within the industry. Some of them are recent graduates (2-5 years out), and others are more experienced in their career trajectory. Regardless of graduation year, they all want to help YOU achieve your goals!

(5) **How am I matched with a mentor?** We look at the information you provide on your application and your career goals/interests. We then look at potential mentor matches with similar educational backgrounds, career experiences, and overall interests. It’s a holistic process.

Applications for RTGPS are open in Rutgers Handshake, and the **deadline is Sunday, November 3**. Click [here](#) for the link for the RTGPS application. Visit [careers.rutgers.edu/rtgps](#) to learn more about this program and the application process. You may email [rtips@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:rtips@echo.rutgers.edu) if you have questions or would like to learn more about the program experience.