**Roadmap to Advising and Mentoring**

Use this roadmap to identify a range of advisors and mentors who can help you make the most of your SEAS graduate experience.

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<th>Faculty</th>
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<th>UM Staff</th>
<th>Current Students</th>
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| **SEAS Faculty Advisor**  
- The role of the general faculty advisor is to assist you in developing a course of study, which includes advice on courses and co-curricular activities and career guidance.  
- Note: Students have the opportunity to switch their general faculty advisor. The process would include completing the change of advisor form and asking new advisor to approve the change. | **Student Development & Student Support Team**  
- Current SEAS Graduate Students, if you have General Questions, Advising, or Registration Questions, contact: seas.gradsupport@umich.edu  
- Current PitE Undergraduate Students General Questions around Support: environment.program@umich.edu  
- SEAS graduate current student, Funding/Fellowships Contact: SEAS-Financial-Aid@umich.edu | **Central Financial Aid**, 2500 Student Activities Building, 515 E. Jefferson St.  
- FAFSA information  
- Federal loans  
- Financial literacy  
- Supplemental borrowing  
- Emergency funding | **Student Leaders for your Specialization (MS Only)**  
- Help first-year students adjust to life at SEAS  
- Track leaders coordinate course previews.  
- **BEC**: Yuuki Garcia & Sarah Davis  
- **ESM**: Arslan Younis & Troy Tofil  
- **GDS**: Sean Skinner & AiLi Pigott  
- **EJ**: Amina Dunn & Lyric Patterson  
- **EPP**: Abhishek Gupta & Alicia Echeveste Sanchez  
- **SusDev**: Bridget Damon, Nick Nonnenmacher, & Anagha Margasahayam  
- **SusSys**: Dani Levy & Peggy Ferguson | **SEAS Alumni Channels for Connecting with SEAS Alums**  
- **SEAS Community Network(SEASnet)** - online community for mentorship  
- Career Trek – An in person or virtual trip to engage with alums in the field through panels and events  
- **Career Days** - A series of panels that engages over 30 alums.  
- Alumni Podcasts- 4 times a year we share interviews with alumni and a current student.  
- **LinkedIn** - Connect with alumni by updating your profile to the SEAS page. |

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<th>Master’s Project Mentor</th>
<th>Master’s Thesis Mentor</th>
<th>Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), Michigan Union, 530 S. State Street, Suite 4079</th>
<th>Student American Society of Landscape Architects (SASLA)</th>
<th>UM Alumni</th>
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| ● Suggest completing the MP mentoring plan to establish shared expectations  
● Provides guidance throughout the master’s project, including through regularly scheduled meetings  
● Assists in establishing and rapport with the client  
● Approves final deliverables at the end of the project which may/not include peer-reviewed publications | ● Suggest completing the Rackham graduate student mentoring plan to establish shared expectations  
● Provides guidance throughout the master’s thesis process, including through regularly scheduled meetings  
● Approves thesis and supports publication of thesis research in peer reviewed publications | ● Short-term individual counseling  
● Referral services for long-term counseling  
● Mental health and wellness workshops & groups  
● Mental crisis services  
● Gender affirming services for trans/non-binary students | President:  
MLA Track Leaders:  
● Stevie Lehman & Kaia McKenney  
Organizes outings and social events for MLA students  
Resources for MLA specific questions and concerns. | Channels for Networking with UM Alumni  
● UM Alumni Association  
● LinkedIn Official Group  
The Alumni Association of the University of Michigan provides a community for verified U-M alumni and students to network and gain career advice and professional development. |
| Nate Geisler, SEAS Assistant Director of Experiential Learning, Student Center | SEAS Career Counselors, seas-careers@umich.edu | University Health Services (UHS), 207 Fletcher St | SEAS Student Government Representatives | Support SEAS students with their social, academic, professional, and community needs. |
| ● General master’s project questions  
● Master’s project deadline  
● Master’s project client question  
● Assists employer-related programming and planning: Career Trek and Industry Coffee Chats  
Assists in managing Employer Partnerships | ● Resume, CV, and cover letter help  
● Job interview questions  
● Mock interview appointments  
● Job strategy support  
● Networking help  
● Plans and supports MLA Job Shadow program  
● Supports planning for Career Days | ● Medical clinic  
● Wolverine Wellness is part of UHS that fosters personal & community well-being for U-M students, in college and beyond. | Supports SEAS students with their social, academic, professional, and community needs. |
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<th>Specialization Coordinators</th>
<th>Cindy Richard, SEAS Associate Director of Career Services, Student Center</th>
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<td>BEC – Paige Fischer</td>
<td>Plans professional skills workshops</td>
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<td>ESM – Jennifer Blesh</td>
<td>Plans and manages the green career fair</td>
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<td>GDS – Neil Carter</td>
<td>Assists in planning and managing all events and programs</td>
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<td>EJ – Kyle Whyte</td>
<td>Manages internship funding opportunities</td>
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<td>EPP – Steve Yaffee</td>
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<td>SusDev – Meha Jain</td>
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<td>SusSys – Michael Craig</td>
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<td>LA – Stan Jones</td>
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<td>Michigan Union, 530 S. State Street, Suite 3020</td>
<td>Can answer Ph.D. student questions and concerns. Can act as a Ph.D. representative to the SEAS administration</td>
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<td>- Resource for LGBTQ+ students and allies</td>
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<th>Kim Elliott, Assistant Dean, SEAS Student Center</th>
<th>Services for Students with Disabilities, G-664 Haven Hall, 505 South State St.</th>
<th>GRIN Fall Mentorship Program</th>
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<td>- Guides SEAS students to resources and solutions</td>
<td>- Submit accommodation requests to this office. They offer a paratransit service. Can sign up for an academic coach</td>
<td>- Fosters friendship and builds valuable connections with peers across Rackham.</td>
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<td>- Plans &amp; supports student development &amp; the SEAS student experience</td>
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| **Vanesa Jackson,**  
| **Program Manager,**  
| **Graduate and Undergraduate Student Diversity Services**  
| - Navigating social identities  
| - DEI programming & professional development  
| - Inclusive language in teamwork  
| - Addressing tokenism and marginalization in the classroom  
| - Intercultural communication approaches  
| **The International Center,**  
| **515 E Jefferson St, Ann Arbor**  
| - Visa questions  
| - University international travel Questions  
| - Workshops for international students  
| **Sweetland Center for Writing,**  
| **1310 North Quad**  
| - They offer face-to-face writing help for graduate students in their Writing Workshop.  
| **Rackham Fellowship Office,**  
| **0120 Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St.**  
| - Various fellowship competitions  
| - Conference travel funding  
| - Emergency funds  
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Tips for Getting the Mentoring You Want:
Consider what you personally need when meeting with your mentor
1. Set expectations, goals, requirements, agendas and keep notes
2. Develop a mentoring plan
3. Break tasks into manageable pieces
4. Be respectful of your mentor’s time and prioritize topics
5. Take the initiative and drive the partnership
6. Do an annual review of your progress and the mentoring relationship

The process of mentoring is realized through 4 stages:
1. Developing a plan for mentee own development. The essence of the stage is in setting up the protégé (mentee) for the results they seek, and the role of the mentor is reduced to observation and minimal assistance in the plan development.
2. Independent learning. At this stage, the role of the mentor is limited to help in non-standard situations and the maintenance of the protege's motivation.
3. Support. The most important stage. During this period the protégé will most often appeal to the mentor. However, an experienced mentor should not answer the question but only point to the source of knowledge.
4. Evaluation of results. Evaluation should be conducted by the protege, and the mentor should only indicate possible errors in the analysis.

Mentoring Resources
1. Rackham: How to get the mentoring you want: a guide for graduate students
2. The Council of Graduate Schools: “Quick Start Guide for Great Mentoring in Graduate School”