# Questions for mentees to ask in meetings

The following examples are suggestions to inspire and guide you. Take and adapt what you need to suit your own circumstances.

## General mentee questions for skills development

1. What skills have allowed you to succeed within your program?
2. What activities could I get involved in to expand my network within graduate school? (extracurriculars, becoming a Teaching Assistant (TA), etc.)
3. What Scholarship opportunities would you recommend pursuing? How do you complete a scholarship application/get feedback?
4. How have you been able to learn about different research/lab techniques?
5. Can you describe the process of presenting at research conferences? How were you able to find these conferences> How did you apply?

## General mentee questions for career development

1. Can you tell me a little bit about your current responsibilities?
2. Can you describe a typical day for you?
3. How did you get into this field? What kinds of additional experience or training did you need to have in order to get a job in this field?
4. What are potential future career opportunities for someone in your position?
5. What types of skills and experiences are essential for succeeding in your position?
6. How would you describe the culture, management style, and organization of where you work?
7. Are there professional organizations that I should consider joining or websites that I should be looking at to get additional information?
8. What advice would you give someone in my position who wants to pursue opportunities in this field?

## General mentee questions for academic development

1. How have you been able to develop as a student?
2. Are there specific resources (software, reference managers, forums, workshops classes) you have found useful throughout your studies?
3. How have you been able to maintain a good working relationship with your supervisor?
4. What recommendations would you give with regards to writing a CV?
5. What does the requirements and timeline look like for a MSc/PhD program (course requirements, thesis submission, defense, etc.)
6. How have you prepared for/scheduled Thesis Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings?
7. What is the overall workflow of publishing a scientific research article? Or Writing a grant proposal?