



About

Data Science and Analytics Mentoring Program

Overview

We all remember how tough it was to learn how things worked in the “real world” after we graduated. The School of Data Science and Analytics has a student mentoring program through the Center for Data Science and Analytics (CDSA) that pairs professionals from the private sector with individual students to form a mentoring relationship. The program was established in spring of 2021 and is focused on pairing industry professionals with master’s and Ph.D. students intending to go into the private sector.

Each student’s mentor can provide career guidance and advice, as well as exposing the student to what a typical workday is like. Mentors can have a big impact on students by helping with things such as course selection, resume creation, preparation for job interviews, and assessing job offers.

How it works

A mentoring relationship only yields benefits if both the mentor and the student are committed to establishing a personal relationship and being diligent about cultivating the relationship over time. The minimum participation requirements are that each mentor and student commit to meeting at least once per month for a minimum of 45 – 60 minutes.

As part of participating, CDSA asks that both students and mentors keep track of what is and isn’t working in their relationship. What cadence of meetings works best? What topics of discussion are most valuable? Are there any factors that should be better accounted for when assigning pairs? This feedback will help CDSA tune the program to best meet the needs of participants.



Are you interested in participating?

If you’d like to be a mentor, please **visit this link** to apply.

If you are a student who would like a mentor, please **visit this link** to apply.

If you have any questions or issues with the site, please contact **cdsa@kennesaw.edu**.

