



Mentee Information Packet

Mentoring Aspiring Graduate students and building an
Inclusive Community (MAGIC)



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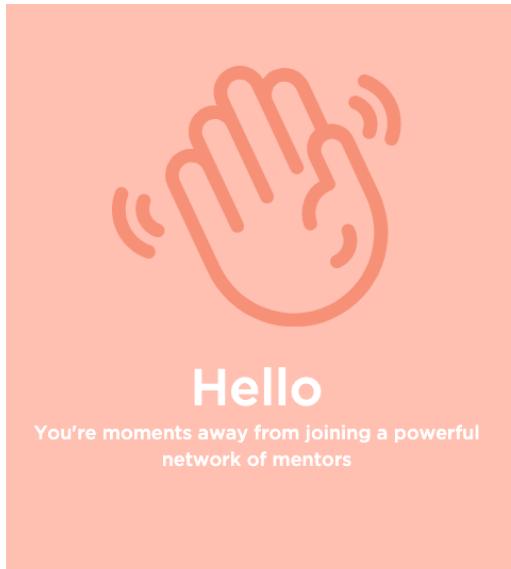
Setting Up Your Mentee Profile on the Husky Mentor Network (HMN)

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- You should have received an invitation email from uconn@firsthand.co with a link to begin setting-up your profile

Initiating Your Profile

- You'll first be prompted to accept the Terms and Conditions



Hello

You're moments away from joining a powerful network of mentors

Please accept our Terms & Conditions to proceed.

Advisee Terms of Service – Jump to Advisor terms

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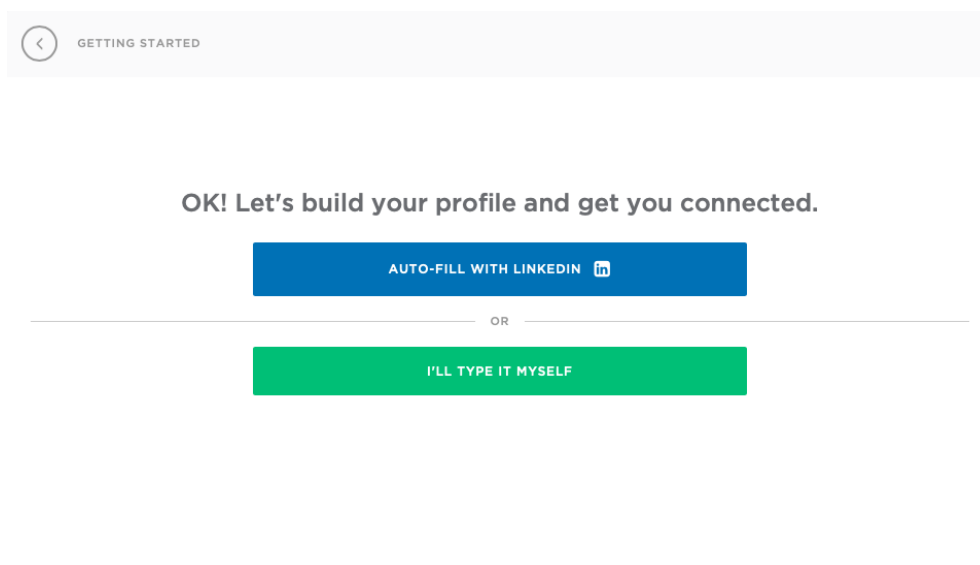
☐ I ACCEPT THESE TERMS & CONDITIONS

PROCEED

- In response to, “I’d like to be...” select “An Advisee.” If this question does not automatically appear after accepting the Terms and Conditions, proceed to the next step.



- If you have a LinkedIn profile, you can connect it by selecting “Auto-fill with LinkedIn.” This will automatically upload your LinkedIn information to your new HMN advisee profile. After linking your LinkedIn profile you can manually edit the information on your HMN advisee profile.
- Otherwise, you can manually enter the information by selecting “I’ll type it in myself. ”



Personal Information

- You'll be prompted to enter your personal information, including your name and current city or town (the system will not accept a street address).

PERSONAL INFO 1 / 11

My name is ...

*Required field

FIRST NAME* LAST NAME*

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PERSONAL INFO 4 / 11

I currently live in ...

*Required field

CURRENT LOCATION*

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- When prompted to upload a picture, you can either upload a picture of yourself (strongly recommended) and click the green arrow or select “I’ll do this later” to proceed.



People are more likely to reach out if they can see your photo



I'LL DO THIS LATER



Education

- You'll be asked what class you belong to at UCONN. If this does not apply to you, select "I'm not a current or former student" and you'll be asked about your affiliation with UCONN. In response to "I am a..." select from the menu. If you are unsure, select "Friend"
- If you are or were a UCONN student, provide your class year and month

PERSONAL INFO 6 / 11

At University of Connecticut, I belong to the class of ...

*Required field

YEAR* MONTH

YYYY MM

Please enter your most recent graduation date.

[I'M NOT A CURRENT OR FORMER STUDENT](#)

PERSONAL INFO 6 / 11

I am a ...

RELATIVE OF A STUDENT OR ALUM

FACULTY MEMBER

STAFF

EMPLOYER

PARTNER

FRIEND

EMPLOYER

- If you select that you were a student from UCONN, it'll ask you to provide your degree and field of study

PERSONAL INFO 7 / 11

In 2021, I graduated from University of Connecticut with a ...

☐ I do not have a degree

DEGREE

FIELD OF STUDY*

+ ADD DEGREE

We'll ask about degrees from other years or other schools later

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- You'll be asked to select any groups you're affiliated with at UCONN (if any)

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Add any groups you affiliated with:

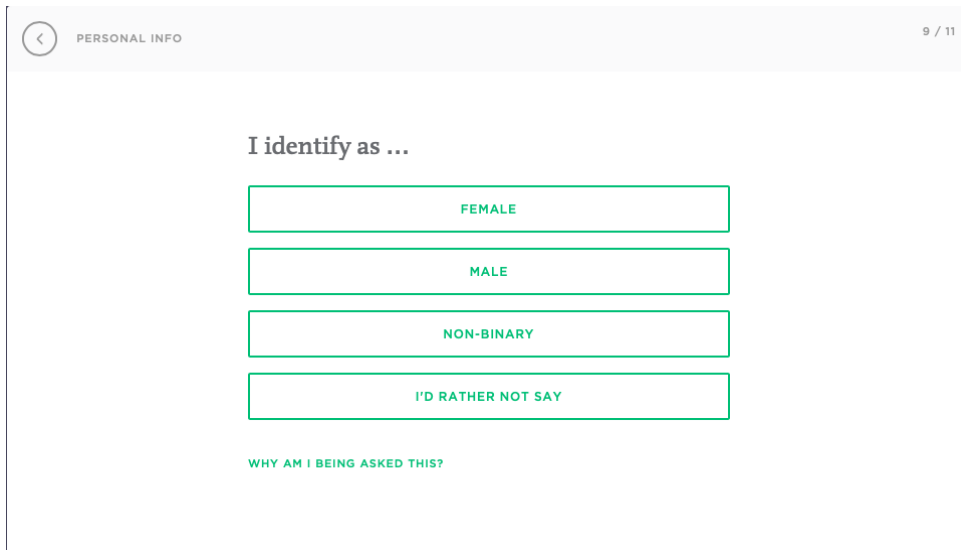
Select Schools

- Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources
- Business
- Continuing Studies
- Education
- Fine Arts
- Liberal Arts & Sciences
- Nursing
- Pharmacy

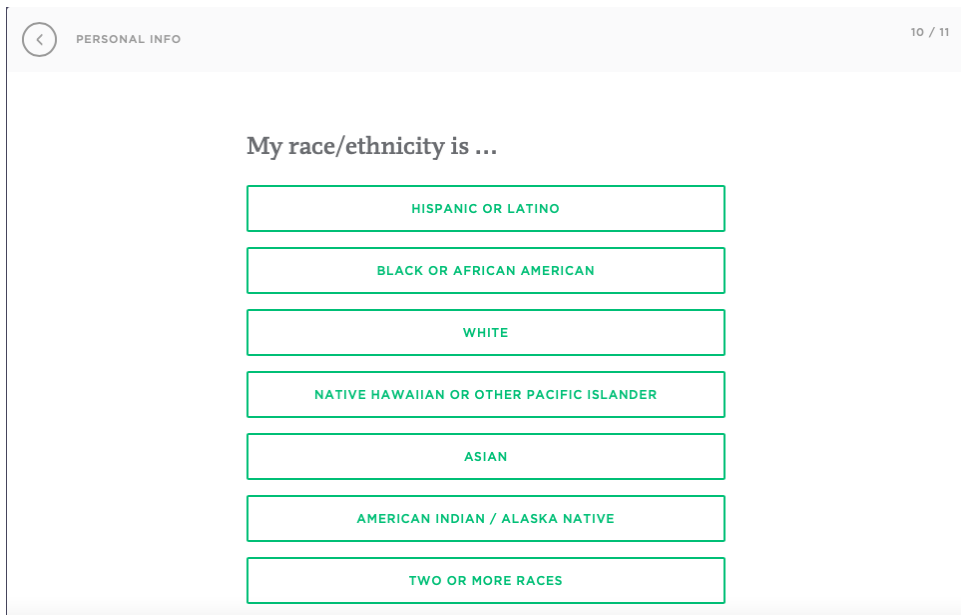
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Demographic and Background Information

- You'll now be asked to provide some demographic and background information including gender, race/ethnicity, and languages you speak



A screenshot of a mobile application interface for a 'PERSONAL INFO' form. At the top left is a back arrow icon, and at the top right is the page number '9 / 11'. The main heading is 'I identify as ...'. Below it are four horizontal buttons with rounded corners: 'FEMALE', 'MALE', 'NON-BINARY', and 'I'D RATHER NOT SAY'. At the bottom of the form is a link that says 'WHY AM I BEING ASKED THIS?'.



A screenshot of a mobile application interface for a 'PERSONAL INFO' form. At the top left is a back arrow icon, and at the top right is the page number '10 / 11'. The main heading is 'My race/ethnicity is ...'. Below it are seven horizontal buttons with rounded corners: 'HISPANIC OR LATINO', 'BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN', 'WHITE', 'NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER', 'ASIAN', 'AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKA NATIVE', and 'TWO OR MORE RACES'.



I speak the following languages fluently ...



ENGLISH

+ ADD A LANGUAGE

WHY AM I BEING ASKED THIS?



Boom

You're on your way

A few more questions to calibrate
your matches

LET'S GO

BACK

Education and Career Goals

- The next section will ask about your goals which will help us understand how to best help you. If you are unsure about any questions please feel free to skip them or provide your best guess. You can always edit these later on your profile.
- You'll be asked about what you'd like help with. For this question, select "Get Into School"

The screenshot shows a web form titled "CAREER GOALS" with a progress indicator "2 / 6". The main heading is "The #1 thing I hope an advisor can help me with is ...". Below this, it says "CHOOSE ONE". There are five buttons with the following text: "LAND A JOB/IMPROVE MY CAREER", "IMPROVE ACADEMICALLY", "GET INTO SCHOOL" (which is highlighted in green), "MANAGE OR START A BUSINESS", and "FIGURE OUT WHAT I SHOULD BE DOING". Below the buttons, there is a red warning icon and the text "Please select an option above.". To the right of the form, there is a grey circular button with a right-pointing arrow.

- Next, you can specify more about what parts of the grad school application process you would like help with. For example, if you'd like help with your graduate school application, select "application materials."
- The topics you select are not the only topics you can talk about with mentors. They are just to get a general idea of the type of help you are looking for.

Right now, I could really use help with ...

CHOOSE UP TO THREE

TALKING TO SOMEONE WHO'S STUDIED WHERE I'M APPLYING

APPLYING TO BUSINESS SCHOOL

APPLYING TO COLLEGE

APPLYING TO PREP SCHOOL

✓ FINDING A GRAD PROGRAM

✓ GRAD INTERVIEWS

✓ APPLICATION MATERIALS

CHOOSE A DIFFERENT CATEGORY

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- The next few questions ask about your career interests, for example, where you would like to live and what industries, employers, and roles you would like to work in. If you are unsure, please feel free to skip these questions.

< CAREER GOALS 3 / 6

In five years, I could see myself living in ...

I'M REALLY NOT SURE

Top cities among advisors on the network

1. New York, NY
2. Hartford, CT
3. Boston, MA

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CAREER GOALS


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I could see myself working in these industries ...

INDUSTRY

Choose an industry

I'M REALLY NOT SURE



Top industries in your locations

1. Higher Education

2. Financial Services

3. Insurance

CAREER GOALS


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I'd like to work for an employer like ...

EMPLOYER

Enter an employer

I'M REALLY NOT SURE



Top employers in your industries

1. Walt Disney World

2. Viacom

3. TicketNetwork

CAREER GOALS 6 / 6

I could see myself in the following roles ...

ROLE

I'M REALLY NOT SURE

Most popular roles at your employers

1. Education
2. Other
3. Legal

- The next page will confirm the interests you expressed on the previous pages

LAST STEP! 1 / 1

So, to confirm ...

I am a friend of University of Connecticut.

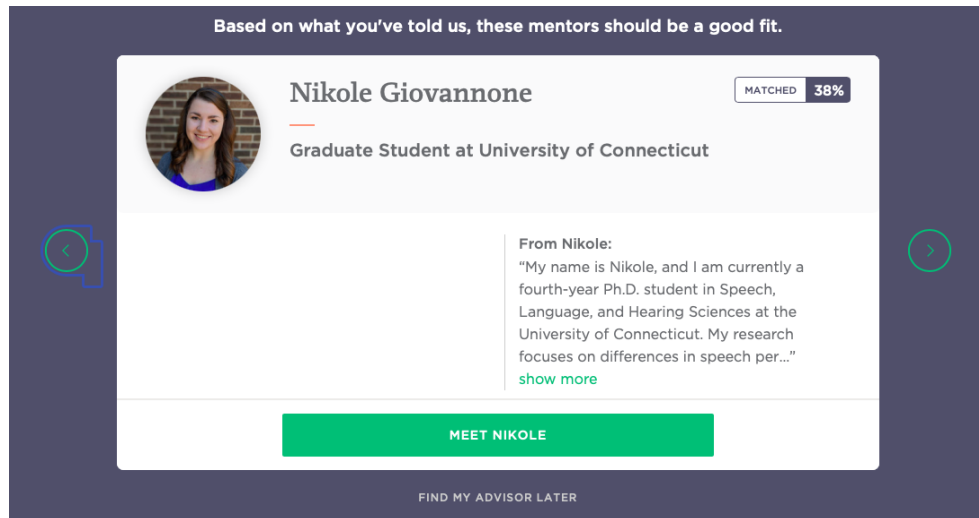
I could see myself working in the Entertainment industry ...

And I'd like some help right now with Finding a Grad Program, Grad Interviews, or with Application Materials.

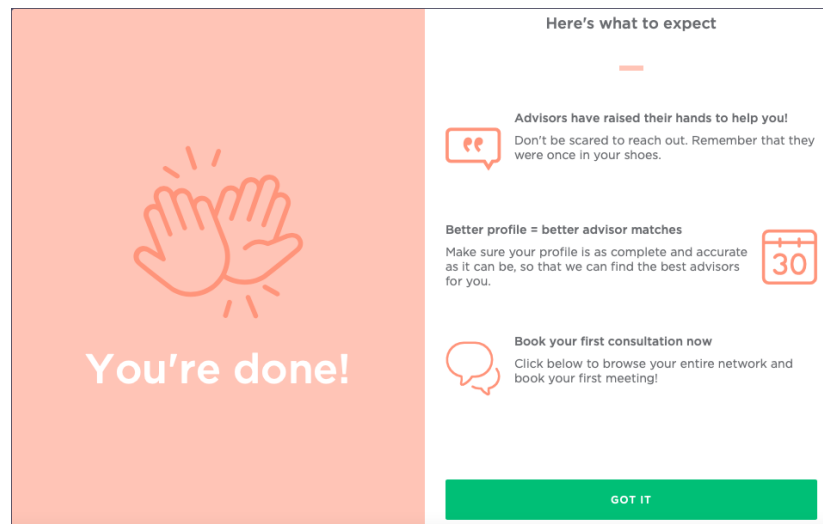
Ready to meet your advisors?

MEET MY ADVISORS

- You'll then be provided with matches from the HMN's algorithm which uses information that mentors and mentees provide in their profiles. So, the more information you provide, the better the matches! You can also manually search for matches which we'll cover in the Navigating the Husky Mentor Network section.
- You can click the green button to begin meeting with your suggested matches or you can skip this step by clicking "Find my advisor later."



- And now you have finished setting up your profile and can start meeting with mentors!



- Note that the second time you try logging into your profile, you will be prompted to “reset your password”. This is because HMN did not ask you to create a password during account setup. Please just enter your desired password and click “reset”.

Reset Your Password

<p>Password</p> <input type="password" value="....."/>	<p>Re-enter Password</p> <input type="password" value="....."/>
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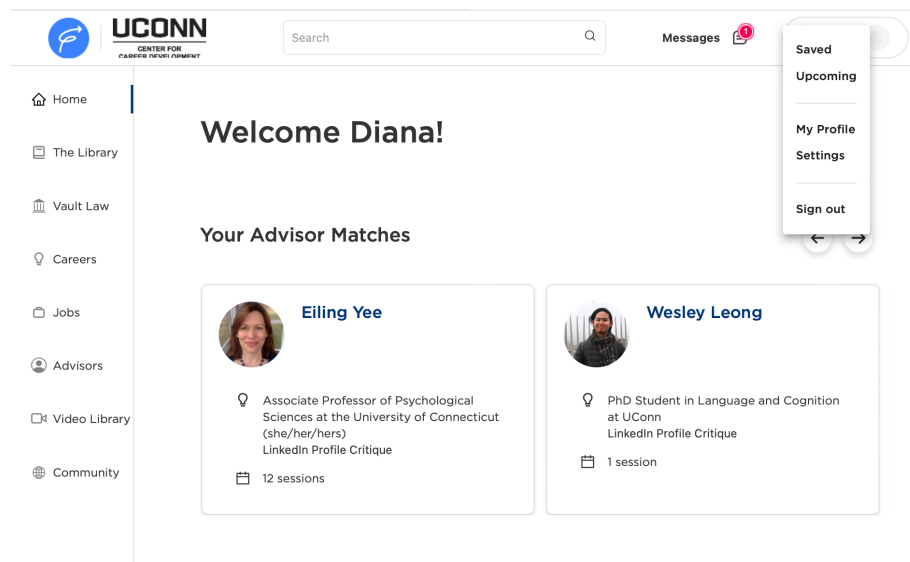
☒ I agree to the [Terms of Service](#) and have read the [Privacy Policy](#)

Once you create an account you'll start receiving Firsthand emails.
You can unsubscribe at any time.

[Reset Password](#)

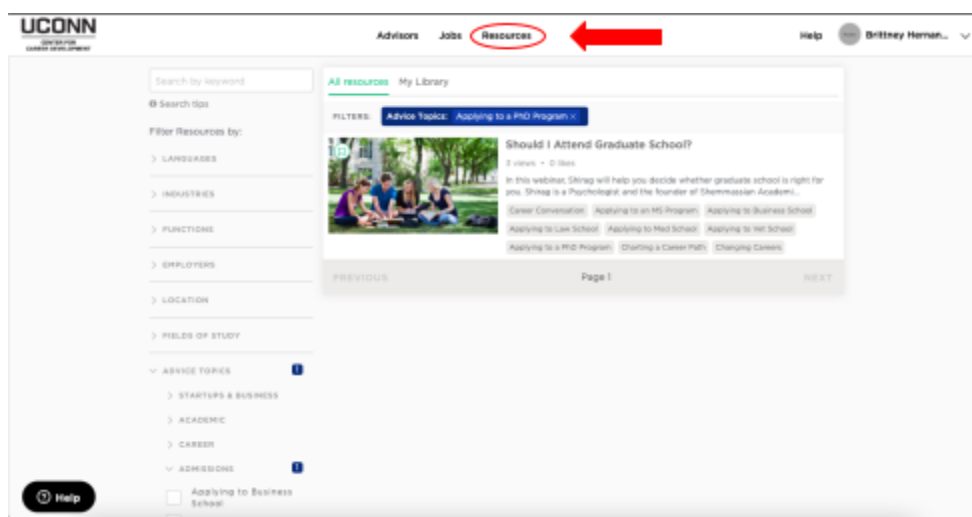
Navigating the Husky Mentor Network (HMN)

- After completing your profile, you'll be redirected to the Home Page of the HMN site.

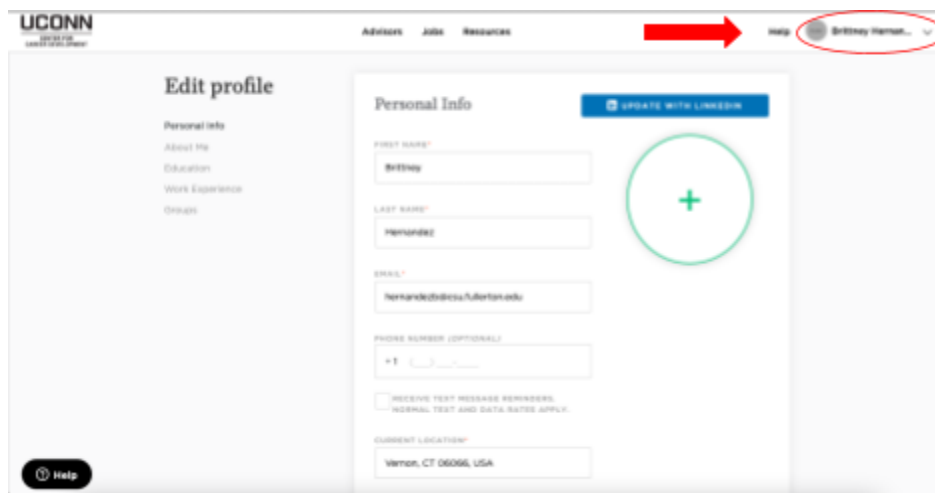


- You can find helpful resources by clicking the Resources section at the top of the page.

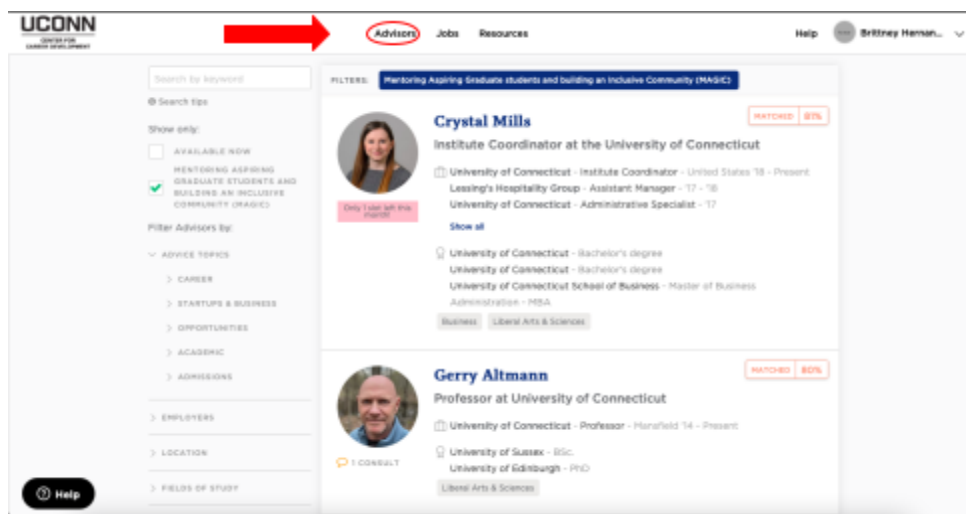
For example, this resource titled, “Should I Attend Graduate School?” could be helpful if you’re still trying to decide if you should go to grad school. It is not necessary to review any of these resources before meeting with mentors, but it may help you generate questions for them.



- To edit your profile use the dropdown menu in the top right corner and select “Edit Profile.” Here you can edit any of the information that you provided during the profile set up.

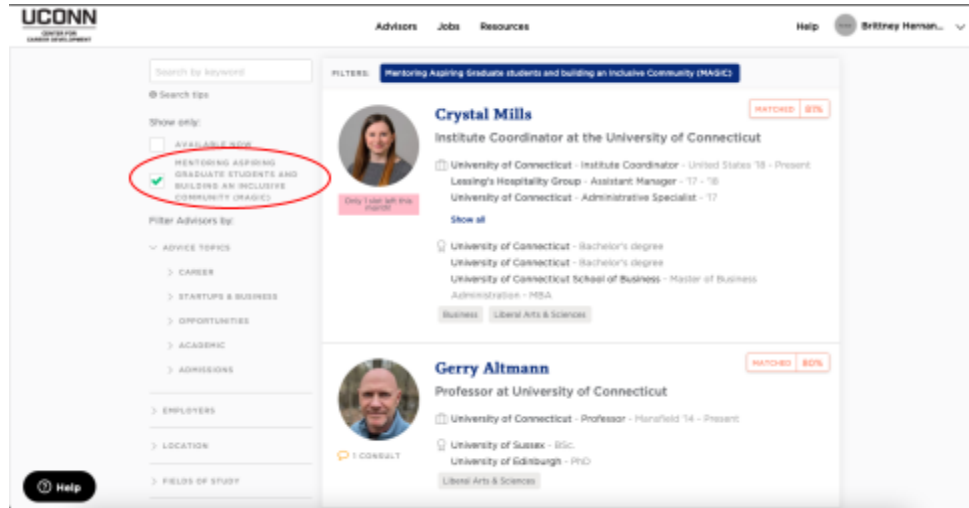


- You can search for mentors and schedule meetings by going to “Advisors” at the top of the page.

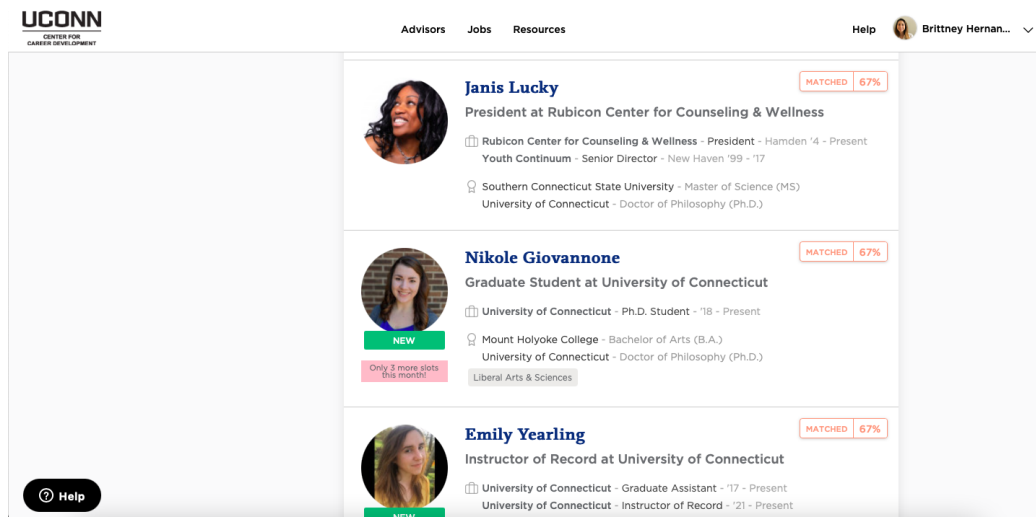


- Once on the Advisors Page, be sure you are searching within the MAGIC network by checking only the box on the left panel that says “Mentoring Aspiring Graduate Students And Building An Inclusive Community (MAGIC)”


- On this left panel, you can also refine your matches using the checkboxes in the “Filter Advisors by” section. Alternatively, you can use the search bar to look for your own keywords such as “cognitive.”




- When you find an mentor you want to meet with, click on their name to open their profile




- Once on their profile you can schedule a meeting with them in the “Book a Consultation” panel.
- Safari users might experience a glitch where this panel flickers. To fix this, click the blank grey area on the right panel.
- Google Chrome and the mobile versions of the HMN do not experience this glitch.



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Brittney Hernan...



Nikole Giovannone

Graduate Student at University of Connecticut

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Reach out to me for:

- ✓ Career conversations
- ✓ Making the most of your time in school
- ✓ Speaking with prospective students
- ✓ Resumes & CVs
- ✓ Picking a major
- ✓ Mock interviews

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Book a consultation

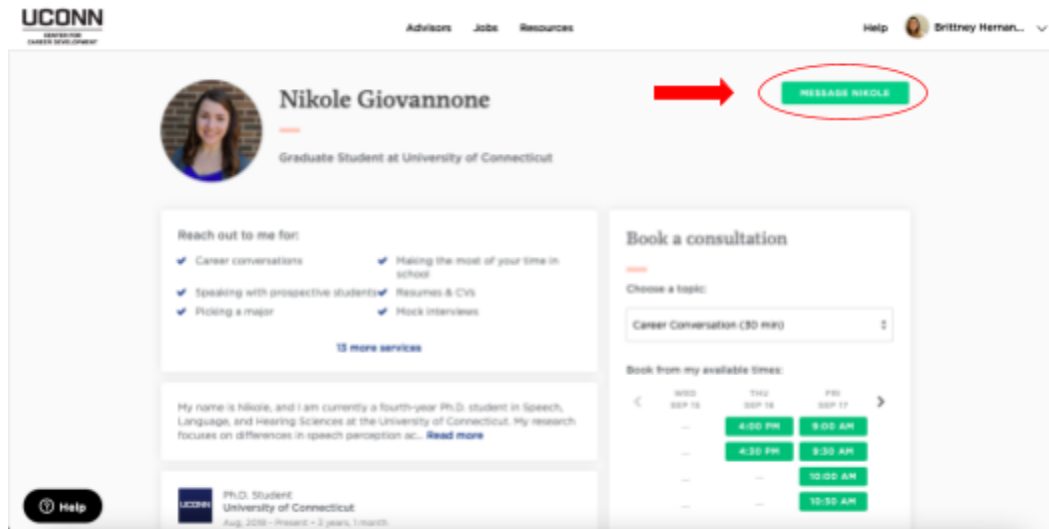
Choose a topic:

Career Conversation (30 min)

Book from my available times:

WED SEP 15	THU SEP 16	FRI SEP 17
—	4:00 PM	9:00 AM
—	4:30 PM	9:30 AM
—	—	10:00 AM
—	—	10:30 AM

- You can also send a message to the mentor. Using the “Message” at the top of their profile. You might message a mentor for example, if you’d like to talk about a topic they don’t list on their profile and want to check to see if they are able to help you.



Meeting Topics Menu

If you are unsure what to talk about in your meeting, these topics might help you figure out what types of questions to ask! You can also select 'Is grad school for me?' if you don't feel that any of these topics are relevant to you yet.

Appetizers

Interested in grad school but haven't begun the application process yet

Finding Graduate Programs – This topic is about what you should be looking for in a program or advisor, and some ways you can learn about those programs (Topic: Finding a grad program)

What You Can Do Now to Make Yourself a Better Applicant – This topic is great if you want to know what skills or experiences you should be looking for/working on now to make yourself a better applicant/ grad student down the line (Topic: Finding a grad program)

What Do Professors Look for in a Grad Student – This topic will give you a look into what your mentor in particular thinks makes a good grad student, and how you can also gain those skills (Topic: Finding a grad program)

Getting Your Foot in the Door - If you are interested in how you can make first contact with a professor, make a good first impression to a program, or how to make sure your application gets noticed, this topic is for you! (Topic: Finding a grad program)

Main Course

In the process of applying to grad school and getting ready for interview

Letters of Rec & Personal Statements – This topic is great if you want advice on how to ask for letters of rec, or what you should include in your personal statement (Topic: Application materials)

CV Review – This topic gives you a chance to get feedback on your current CV, how you can improve it, and what you can do to add to it. (Topic: CV and Resume Critique)

Interview Advice – If you are worried about going for interviews, this topic is for you! Your mentor can give you tips on how to stay calm, and what kind of questions you should ask. (Topic: Grad interviews)

Finding a Good Match – This topic can help you learn about what you should be looking for in a program or potential PI, and some red flags to watch out for. (Topic: Finding a grad program)

I Wish I Had... – This topic is great for learning what your mentor wished they had known/ done during their application process (Topic: Finding a grad program)

Masters vs PhD – Though most of our mentors have or will have a PhD, they can help you learn about some key differences in getting these degrees. (Topic: Is grad school for me?)

Dessert

Accepted into a grad program

Picking a Research Topic – *If you are worried about how to find a research project that you are passionate about or how to find ways to engage your own research interests in grad school, this topic is for you (Topic: Finding a grad Program)*

Work/ Life Balance – *This topic is all about finding that ever elusive balance*

between grad school and the rest of life. Mentors can give you tips for self-care, and taking time. They can also assure you that you deserve a balance! (Topic: Work life balance)

Funding – *This topic is all about making sure you know how to find funding in grad school. Learn about common funding sources, and funding opportunities to look out for. (Topic: Financing grad school)*