

Dear current and future Geography Majors,

We're excited to share that the Department of Geography is launching a new mentorship scheme for all Geography major students, starting from AY2026–2027!

We know navigating university can be challenging, and we want you to have the guidance and support you need to navigate your academic journey.

****How it works****

Each of you will be assigned a faculty mentor who you'll keep throughout your time as a Geography major. Your mentor will hold one group meeting with their mentees per semester, and will be available by email for questions on academic matters. The idea is that over time, your mentor gets to know you — not just as a student in a single course, but as a person building their path through the major.

To make this scheme work well for everyone, here are some simple but important guidelines:

- 1. Work with your mentor.** Your mentor may not have every answer about every corner of university life— and that's okay. What they will do is point you in the right direction. Please engage with them openly and make the most of their experience and networks.
- 2. Build a culture of mentorship.** The spirit of the scheme goes beyond your assigned mentor. We encourage you to reach out to other faculty members in the department to chat, seek advice, or just learn about their research. The department is full of people who are happy to talk — take advantage of that.
- 3. Approach your mentor with respect and courtesy.** Faculty mentors are giving their time voluntarily because they care about your development. Please come prepared to meetings, respond to communications promptly, and treat your mentor the way you would any professional you're fortunate to learn from.

Details on mentor–mentee allocation will be communicated to you by email once the scheme is formally launched at the welcome tea for majors at the start of the academic year. Allocation for Year 1 students will come a little later in the semester once they've declared on their major.

If you have questions in the meantime, you're welcome to reach out to Ms Chong Mui Gek at muigek@nus.edu.sg.

We're looking forward to building something meaningful with all of you. Here's to a great year ahead!

On behalf of the Undergraduate Studies Committee and Student & External Relations Committee

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