

ASSIGNMENT 1

QUESTIONS

Choose and contact two mentors that can help you along the process of continuing your education and professional career. One should be a faculty member of the SA+P and the other one a close member of your family or circle of friends (parent, partner, evil twin, etc). Initiate the process by emailing your prospective mentor. You may communicate over email and in person.

Discuss with your mentors the prospects of Graduate Education. Ask about their experience (if any) or opinion/advice (there's always that) and complete a summary that focuses on the following topics.

1. Location.

Where to go? Stay close or move away from home?

2. Cost.

Is it worth the cost? How to get the best value and education? What are the ways to afford it?

3. Programs.

What Programs/Degrees should I choose? Traditional/general vs. emerging/interdisciplinary?

4. Application.

Should I aim for schools with more rigorous application process (GRE test, interview, etc) or those with 'open' enrollment?

5. Admission.

How to increase my chances for admission? What if I don't get admitted?

Try to dig deeper on the issues instead of going for the immediate answer. Ask additional questions where needed. It will help you focus your efforts and make better choices. Picture yourself in 10 years. Where would you want to be? End on a conclusion stating your current career goal. Thoughts on 'Plan B'? Include that too.

Upload PDF of completed Assignment and copy of each mentor's correspondence to Course BlackBoard by Due Date.