GenFirst!@BU Mentoring Program
Mentor Participation Agreement
Bucknell University
2016-2017

Who are first generation college students?
A first-generation college student is a student whose parent(s) has/have not received a four-year college degree. A first-generation college student will be the first in her/his family to graduate from a 4-year institution.

What is the GenFirst!@BU Mentoring Program?
The GenFirst!@BU Mentoring Program is designed with the knowledge that first-generation students face unique challenges in transitioning to college life. This Program facilitates relationships between first-generation students and first-generation faculty and/or staff who provide assistance and support as students embark on their education, and throughout their initial years at Bucknell.

What are the Mentoring Program’s goals?
(1) Build a sense of community among first-generation Bucknell students, faculty and staff, (2) Raise awareness of the unique experiences of first-generation students and, (3) Enhance the academic success and personal development of first-generation students.

If you have any questions, please contact Carmen Henne-Ochoa, Diversity and Inclusion Fellow at cho004@bucknell.edu or 570-577-3482.

To help ensure the success of the GenFirst!@BU Mentoring Program, we ask that, as a mentor, you understand and agree to the following guidelines:

• I understand that I must commit to being on-campus for the entire academic year (both the fall and spring semesters).

• I understand that I must commit to actively engaging with my mentee(s) during the academic year.

• I will attend at least one campus program per semester with my mentee(s).

• Twice during the semester, I will share a meal with my mentee(s) to touch base about BU transition, academics, social life, etc.

• I will attend one mentor group meeting during the academic year.

• I understand that I must connect with my mentee(s) soon after signing this agreement.

• I will seek out opportunities to connect and network with my mentee(s) and other
mentees and mentors (e.g., GenFirst!@BU Facebook page).

• I will respond in a timely manner to all emails or requests made of me by my mentee(s).

• I will respect the expectation of confidentiality and privacy of my mentee(s), but understand that I am obligated to report information constituting a violation of Bucknell’s Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence and Stalking Policy to the University’s Title IX Coordinator.

• I understand that information and documentation I create or gather regarding my mentee(s) may be subject to protection under FERPA.

• I will notify the Dean of Students, appropriate academic dean and/or other administrator if I believe my mentee(s) may be struggling with transition and/or if I encounter a situation with my mentee(s) that I do not feel equipped to address alone.

I have read and understand the above statements. I understand that full participation in the mentoring experience and meeting the above mentioned guidelines are requirements of my role as a mentor. I agree to fulfill these responsibilities to the best of my ability. My signature below indicates that I accept the offer to be a faculty/staff mentor.

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Mentor (print)

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Mentor (signature)

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Date