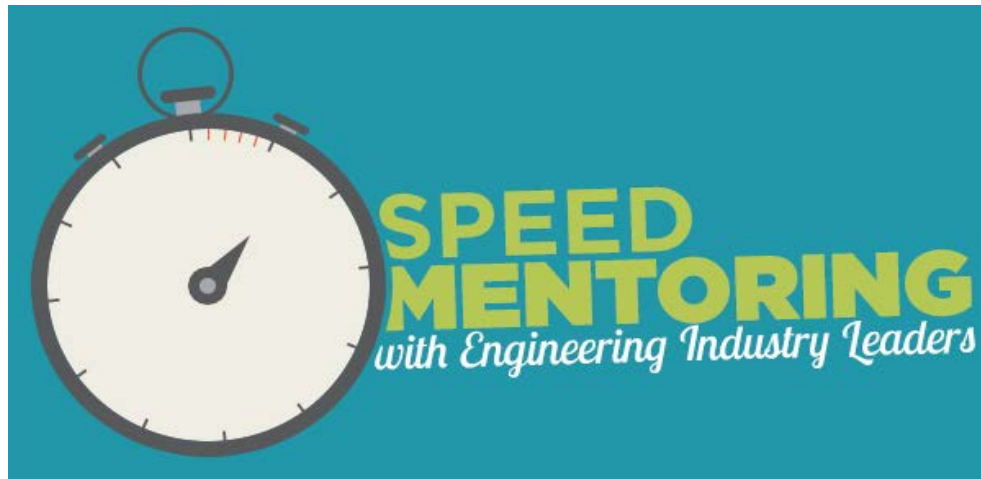


# Tickle College of Engineering



## Networking Conversation Starters

- What do you perceive to be some of the major challenges in your industry over the next 5-10 years?
- Can you tell me more about your professional path and how you got where you are today?
- If you could go back in time, what would you tell yourself as a new or soon to be graduate?
- What advice would you give me if I wanted to be successful in your line of work or industry?
- What do you enjoy most about your work?
- What did you find to be the most difficult part of your transition from being a student to being a professional?
- What were some of your most meaningful experiences at UT that prepared you for your career?
- How did UT prepare you for your first job? Did you later perceive any gaps in this preparation?
- What are some of the most meaning professional experiences that help lead towards upward advancement?
- What separates an average performer in your organization from a top performer? What do the top performers do differently?
- What are the top three traits or skills you believe are vital for a new hire in your organization?