Career Ready Mentorship Program

Mentee Report

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Date: 29/09/2026
Time: 8:30-10:00 am
Format: Online/ In-person

What are the key topics covered in this session?

- Experience sharing
- Potential career paths
- Goals setting
- Necessary qualities for achieving the goals
- Discussion on CV, interview and setting up career timeline
- Self-understanding

What key insights or skills did you gain from your mentor during this session?

- Learned about career trajectory of the mentor that seemed that gave me a new perspective. I realised that exploring different fields can enrich us and we gain experience to find out more about who we are and what we are inclined towards.
- Mr. Ming suggested career paths in fields like sales and teaching beyond social work. This helped me think out of the box and be open to explore opportunities based on my passion and experience.
- We worked on ranking my priorities from that list of options that are not affected by language barrier
- I shared about my existing skills and experiences to achieve the goals. In the next step we pointed out aspects that could be improved such as CV and interview preparation. Discussed about how to enhance my leadership and communication skills.
- I received advice on starting job application around January 2026; this gave me clarity on what my future may look like if I am well prepared
- After sharing my strengths and weaknesses, I received feedback on my preexisting self-image. It gave me ideas on what I did well and what I should work on.

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Session [1]

Date: 18 / 10 / 2026
Time: 15:20 — 18:20 p.m.
Format: In-person (The Mills, Tsuen Wan)

What are the key topics covered in this session?

1. The Importance of Funding in Exhibitions: We discussed how crucial funding is for the operation of exhibitions. My mentor specifically highlighted the Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Hong Kong at the exit of an exhibition, emphasizing that without sufficient financial support, many exhibitions would fail.

2. Sustainability and Textile Waste: We visited second-hand clothing stores and looked at textiles made from old materials. My mentor shared his past experience in recycling second-hand clothes, which aligns perfectly with my own philosophy of sustainability. We discussed the severe environmental impact of fast fashion—for instance, it takes about 2,000 liters of water to dye a single T-shirt, and denim production is extremely water-intensive. We also touched upon the massive amount of daily waste (around 400 tonnes) sent to landfills in Hong Kong.

3. Cultural Heritage and Architectural Preservation: At The Mills, we observed how the original architectural style, such as the old green pillars, has been preserved rather than completely modernized. This successfully reflects Hong Kong's past culture and creates a great atmosphere that attracts many locals (and lots of cute dogs and local markets on weekends!).

4. Interactive and Inclusive Exhibition Design: We visited the Centre for Heritage Arts & Textile (CHAT) exhibition on Hong Kong secondary school culture. It was a highly tactile and interactive exhibition. Visitors could put balls into tubes to hear sounds, touch textile materials, try on vintage school uniforms, and use yarn to add to other visitors' artworks. The core concept is experiential rather than purely visual.

5. Career Insights and Industry Realities:

· Auction Houses: My mentor advised against entering the auction industry right now due to the severe economic downturn; the market for paintings is currently very weak compared to a decade ago.

· M+ Museum: He shared that entering M+ is highly competitive, and proficiency in Cantonese is a significant advantage.

· Book Restoration: I expressed my interest in book restoration. My mentor offered to keep an eye out for related job openings and advised me to actively look for internships.

6. LinkedIn Optimization and Personal Branding: My mentor guided me on how to better utilize LinkedIn: change the profile summary entirely to English, keep the first section concise (focusing on job-seeking and my major), put details in the lower sections, and translate all work experiences into English. He also emphasized the importance of posting updates (like sharing reflections on today's visit) and using keywords to help others understand who I am—essentially, learning to market myself.

What key insights or skills did you gain from your mentor during this session?

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1. Curatorial Inspiration for Inclusivity: The CHAT exhibition deeply inspired me. The idea of making an exhibition "touchable" and experiential rather than just viewable made the experience much more engaging and fun. As a museum studies student, I realized how powerful interactive and tactile designs can be in helping visitors gain a deeper understanding and emotional connection with the content. This is a valuable lesson for my future curatorial work.

2. The Crucial Role of Funding: Seeing the direct impact of funding on exhibitions helped me realize that a curator's job isn't just about art and design; understanding fundraising and resource allocation is equally vital for an exhibition's success.

3. Realistic Career Planning: I gained valuable, candid insights into the current job market. I learned that I need to adjust my career expectations (e.g., reconsidering the auction house path) and that mastering Cantonese is essential for the local museum sector. I also gained actionable steps for securing internships in book restoration.

4. Professional Self-Marketing: The LinkedIn advice was highly practical. I now know how to restructure my profile to be more professional and how to use social media to build my personal brand and network.

5. Personal Gratitude: I am incredibly grateful for my mentor's patience. As a visually impaired student, having him explain the exhibits one by one to me made a huge difference—it was far more meaningful than just walking through the exhibition alone. He also took many photos for me during the visit and treated me to delicious chocolate afterward, which made our first meeting extremely warm and memorable!

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Date: 02/10/2026
Time: 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Format: Online/ In-person

What are the key topics covered in this session?

1. **Background & Introductions:**
   Mutual introduction sharing personal and professional backgrounds, current career aspirations, and setup of mentorship goals.
2. **Industry Focus & LVMH Supply Chain:**
   Deep dive into luxury retail operations, specifically exploring LVMH's supply chain mechanics and how raw materials are transformed into finished products in ultra-short lead times (~5 days).
3. **Career Prospects & Trajectory:**
   Discussion on my personal future career aspirations and identifying necessary skill sets and steps to reach them.
4. **Actionable Skill Development & Campus Resources:**
   Exploring strategies to consolidate and apply AI skills in industry contexts, alongside using school resources effectively (e.g., participating in school mock interviews).

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1. **Supply Chain Efficiency & Agility:**
   Gained valuable operational insights into LVMH's fast-paced supply chain ecosystem, understanding how high-end manufacturing maintains quality while achieving remarkable speed-to-market (~5 days turnaround).
2. **AI & Technological Consolidation:**
   Realized the importance of strengthening and consolidating technical skills in AI to stay competitive and add real-world value to supply chain management and business operations.
3. **Proactive Career Preparation:**
   Learned to leverage institutional support effectively, such as scheduling university mock interviews to polish interviewing performance and build professional confidence.
4. **Clarity on Future Direction:**
   Received guidance on mapping out clear milestones for my career goals and identifying the specific domain expertise required for my target future role.