# INTRODUCING THE NEW EMPLOYEE PEER MENTORING PROGRAM LAUNCHING SPRING 2025

## PROGRAM APPLICATION CLOSES FRIDAY JANUARY 17, 2025

Are you a new full-time UD faculty or staff member, or a tenured employee looking to make a difference? UD Human Resources has an exciting opportunity for you!

This opt-in UD employee peer mentoring program aims to engage and connect new full-time faculty and staff (less than two years at UD) with the broader organization by pairing them with an experienced, tenured employee (5+ years at UD) who will guide and support them as they acclimate to working at UD. Unlike formal career-based mentoring, this program is designed to foster a flexible, casual, peer-to-peer relationship.

#### **Benefits for Mentees:**

- Gain Valuable Insights: Learn about UD culture through your mentor's stories and experiences.
- Receive Guidance: Enjoy a supportive environment to ask questions about navigating UD.
- Build Connections: Leverage your mentor's network to form meaningful professional relationships.
- Feel at Home: Enhance your sense of belonging and connection to the UD community.

#### **Benefits for Mentors:**

- Share Your Story: Share insights and personal stories about your journey at UD.
- Provide Guidance: Help new employees navigate challenges and pursue opportunities.
- Foster Connections: Grow your professional network and contribute to a supportive UD culture.
- Develop Your Skills: Improve your leadership and communication through mentoring.

### **Program Structure**

The program runs during the Spring semester from **February 3, 2025 - May 23, 2025**. Participants are encouraged to meet at least once a month throughout the program. Applicants will be matched based on work location and optional matching preferences.

#### How to Apply

**Prior to applying**, applicants are required to view a pre-recorded information session to fully understand the program details and expectations. The recording may be accessed <u>via this link</u>. Eligible employees may <u>apply now</u> through January 17, 2025. The applicant pool will be reviewed during the week of January 20th. Participants will be informed of their match status by January 31st.

Questions? Email talent-dev@udel.edu

