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Careers and Employability Centre

# Career Mentor Link Program

Information for mentors



## About the program

The Career Mentor Link Program matches professionals (mentors) with UWA students (mentees) to provide a fantastic opportunity for mentees to gain “real-world” insights. Mentors share their wisdom to help students enhance their professional development in areas such as leadership and communication.

## Being a mentor

Participating in the Career Mentor Link Program gives professionals the opportunity to become involved with high-calibre students from one of the best universities in the country. Mentors are vital to the success of the program. Mentors support, guide and encourage their mentees allowing them the space to develop the skills they need to manage their career and make links to industry.

### **The mentoring relationship**

The Career Mentor Link Program encourages the student (mentee) to seek advice and information about their career direction and employment goals. In turn, the mentor shares their industry skills, experiences and insights and takes an active interest in the career development needs of the student. The relationship is based on mutual respect, encouragement, constructive feedback, openness and a willingness to learn and share.

### **Benefits to Mentors**

By participating in the program you are likely to:

- gain personal satisfaction from knowing you've made a difference to someone else's career development;
- enhance your “personal skills” such as leadership and communication;
- widen your professional networks;
- hear fresh perspectives from your mentee; and
- increase your organisation's profile at UWA.

### **Become Involved!**

Mentors are vital in making the Career Mentor Link Program a success. We value your participation and will assist you every step of the way.

Mentor registrations are accepted year round. For further information and to register please [click here](#).

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **What are the time commitments?**

The program runs across six months during the academic year. The amount of time is not onerous, it usually involves some email and phone contact and for Perth based mentors a minimum of two face-to-face meetings.

## **Can a mentee be offered work experience within the program?**

If an organisation has the capacity to offer work experience this opportunity will be supported. Mentors are not expected to offer work experience. If a mentee is going to undertake work experience they must ensure they request Student Placement insurance from their Faculty.

## **What is UWA's involvement?**

The Career Mentor Link team offers support by organises the program structure, events and program evaluation. The team can also advise mentors and mentees on any issues that may arise.

## **Which students take part?**

The program is open to all currently enrolled UWA undergraduate students who have completed one full year of study and all postgraduate students. Mentors can be male or female.



*"... having someone to talk to about my career path and progression has been really useful given that I wasn't too sure of where my career was headed at the beginning of the program." Brandon Low (Mentee)*

*"This has been a really great program that has really helped motivate me and get me out of my comfort zone in order to plan my career path better." Nadia Eisenlohr (Mentee)*

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We also offer a comprehensive range of employer services to assist in recruiting high quality UWA students and raising an organisation's profile on campus. We are happy to work with you to identify a student engagement strategy that meets your needs. Visit our website for more information and to access My UniHub: [careers.uwa.edu.au](https://careers.uwa.edu.au)