Meet a Mentor is an exciting initiative for current penultimate (second last year of a student’s university program) and final year students and graduates of more than five years, in the engineering, architecture and information technology sectors. As an alumnus or industry professionals, your wisdom, experience and leadership can help the University’s future engineering, architecture and information technology graduates on their path to success.
Overview
The Meet a Mentor program aims to connect students with established alumni to motivate, encourage, empower and transform the next generation of engineering, architecture and information technology professionals.

Alumni participating in the Meet a Mentor program will have the opportunity to:
• Engage and influence the next generation of engineering, architecture and information technology professionals
• Share the value of their expertise
• Expand their networks
• Give back and gain valuable experiences.

Mentoring sessions
Mentors and mentees should connect for at least four one-on-one mentor sessions (in-person/phone/Skype/email). Each mentoring session should last for approximately one hour, and the mentoring relationship should be maintained for at least the minimum time frame of a six month period.

Applications
Online applications open late March each year with the six month mentoring period running from April to September annually.

To apply, please visit the website: www.eait.uq.edu.au/meet-mentor

For more information contact the:
Alumni and Community Engagement Team
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ALUMNI AND STUDENT EXPERIENCES

“By far the greatest benefit was being able to view things with a broader perspective. Being mentored by an alumnus helped me in making important personal decisions about which type of industry and role I wanted to pursue, as well as establishing realistic expectations in regards to time frames for career progression.” Wesley Ford, Graduate Process Engineer, Origin Energy.

Grant Worner
Oil Industry Executive
“It’s a privilege and quite a responsibility to mentor a UQ student, particularly during a time when life-changing decisions can be made. I have found the experience is rewarding on multiple levels and an opportunity to give something back to the University and help the next generation of engineers.”

Tyrone Dack
Civil Engineering Graduate
“I greatly benefited from participating in the program as my mentor was friendly and approachable. He provided long term advice about the industry and also timely advice about applying for graduate positions. The experience opens a gateway to the industry to meet engineering professionals and start your career.”

Kristen Burgess
Chemical Engineering Graduate
“I found the experience of being guided and supported by someone who has achieved so many things that I hope to achieve in my career, invaluable. My mentor’s advice has helped me to prepare for when I start work as a graduate, and for moving into leadership positions in the future.”

Rene Chappel
Manager - Strategic Partnerships
Suncorp Group
“Being a part of the program was rewarding. My mentee was engaged and enthusiastic about learning how she could build on top of her already extensive knowledge base. I was happy to share not only my industry experience, but also my life experiences. The greatest thing was I actually learned a lot from her too.”

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