Meet a Mentor

The Meet a Mentor Program is an exciting initiative that connects current penultimate (second last year of a student’s university program) and final year students with graduates and industry professionals with more than seven years experience, in the engineering, architecture and information technology sectors. As an alumnus or industry professional, your wisdom, experience and leadership can help the University’s future engineering, architecture and information technology graduates on their path to success.
Program

The Meet a Mentor program aims to connect students with established industry professionals to motivate, encourage, empower and transform the next generation of engineering, architecture and information technology professionals.

Industry professionals 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

Details

The program will assist with students’ career development and transition from university into the workforce, and engage business professionals in a mutually beneficial partnership.

Participating students and industry professional mentors are matched based on their shared interests and area of specialty.

Mentors and mentees are expected to connect for at least four one-on-one mentor sessions (in-person/phone/email/or online). 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 in 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:
Alumni and Community Engagement Team
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Key dates

Registration Opens: 25 February 2019
Registrations Close: 15 March 2019
Welcome Event: 1 April 2019
Recognition Event: 18 September 2019

Alumni and student experience

“By far the greatest benefit was being able to view things with a broader perspective. Being mentored by an industry professional 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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