

SIUE Mentor Program

Mentor Fact Sheet

The Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Mentor Program provides an opportunity for students and professionals to connect in positive one-on-one mentoring relationships. Through the program, professionals can enhance the quality of a current student's academic experience by interacting, exchanging ideas, and sharing their career experiences and knowledge with future SIUE graduates.

Who can Become a Mentor?

We are looking for professionals who have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree and have at least 3 years of professional experience.

How Much Time Is Required to Be a Mentor?

We know how busy professionals are, and we do not want your participation in this program to hinder your day-to-day routine or conflict with your other commitments. Whether it be a one-time meeting or an ongoing partnership – we can use your expertise in helping foster student's professional development. The amount of time you commit is up to you and your mentee. Therefore, we have made this program as adaptable and user-friendly as possible.

What If I Live Outside of the Edwardsville Area?

Keep in mind that mentors do not need to live in close proximity to SIUE or to their student in order to participate in the program - a mentoring relationship built solely on email, phone calls, Skype, etc. can be just as effective as mentoring a student in person. The basic objective of mentoring is to encourage and assist in the development and growth of a student.

What Is Involved in a Mentoring Relationship?

Each mentoring relationship will be different because of the student's development level, the student's needs, his or her career interests and a mentor's strengths and talents. A mentor can provide a wide variety of assistance to students including:

- Career advice and networking tips
- Introductions to new people, places, interests and ideas
- Encouragement in defining career goals and the development of a plan of action to reach those goals

How Can I Get Involved?

If you are interested in serving as a mentor and working with a current student, simply go to the SIUE Career Development Center website at www.siu.edu/careerdevelopmentcenter/. Click on 'mentor login' and then select 'click here to register'. The SIUE Mentor Coordinator will contact you after you have completed your online registration.

**For more information about the Mentor Program,
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