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Thank you for considering becoming a mentor in the Mentorship by Design program. The Mentorship by Design program is an all volunteer based, student led mentor placement initiative designed to pair individuals working in the profession like yourself with students preparing to transition from the classroom to the workplace. The Mentorship by Design program provides students with the opportunity to learn from experienced professionals and begin to build their professional network.

#### **WHAT IS THE MENTORSHIP BY DESIGN PROGRAM?**

The program pairs current architecture, interior design and historic preservation students with professionals who provide career insight and networking opportunities all in hopes of better preparing students for their professional lives.

#### **WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A MENTOR?**

Individuals interested in becoming a mentor should be engaged in the design profession or have previous experience working in one of the interest areas and a willingness to share this knowledge with students. In the end our goal is just to establish a means of communication between you and the student that will help engage their professional growth.

#### **WHY SHOULD I GET INVOLVED?**

Did you have a great mentor when you were in college that helped you figure out "what's next"? Do you wish you would have had someone like that? This is an opportunity to provide that type of assistance and advantage to the next generation of designers. Students need someone who will provide them with honest feedback and a realistic picture of what the professional life is like. Additionally, this is a great opportunity to network and increase awareness of your company amongst young design professionals.

#### **WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?**

We expect mentors and mentees to communicate with each other at least once per month. Communication could be an in-person meeting at one of the networking events, a phone conversation, video chat or email. The method you use and how often you communicate is up to you and your mentee to decide.

#### **WHAT THIS PROGRAM IS NOT:**

The Mentorship by Design program is not a career placement service and as a mentor you should not feel obligated to offer any student a job opportunity. This program is designed to create a network of professionals the students can use throughout their career. Students will be asked not to directly approach you for employment opportunities but should you like to make an offer that is completely acceptable but not expected.

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the guidance provided by an experienced and trusted adviser, counselor or supporter.