Being an industry mentor allows you to share your experience and expertise with our enthusiastic and curious first year engineering and computer science students. Current mentors have commented about the buzz of ‘giving something back’ and the personal benefits of engaging with our students.

For our students having a good mentor can build self-confidence and contribute to career success. It gives them access to someone outside of the University to discuss their ideas with and get advice on how best to prepare for their career in their chosen field. We have examples of where these relationships have resulted in the offer of summer internships and employment after graduation, providing your company with the opportunity to identify talent early on in a student’s academic career.

“We’ve supported the Industrial Mentoring Scheme since it launched, and it’s always been a pleasure to do so. At a personal level it is very refreshing and encouraging to know the mentees, who are not only enthusiastic and motivated, but are knowledgable about the industry as a whole, adaptable, and willing to go the extra mile in working with us. They always impress, and remind us why we got into engineering in the first place. Every year there have, even against that high standard, been some real shining stars that stand out, and this gives us the opportunity to stay in contact with those students and form long-lasting relationships.”

- Russel Haines, Toshiba research Europe

Students on a site visit for their second meeting with their Atkins mentors.

Benefits

- Helps you to identify talent early on, to support future recruitment.
- Raises your company profile with both students and academics, to support potential future collaborations.
- Access to other ILO services including advertising graduate roles in our regular student newsletter.
- Low time commitment required, with potential for high impact for your company and for yourself personally.
- Great activity for graduates working towards their chartership.

“The introductory event was very well organised - 5 stars! The students were really talkative, all seemed interested and engaged. The materials provided for mentors were very useful.”

- Pawel Dziedzic, Edwards Vacuum

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Mentoring Timeline

First Year (2018/19)

August-December 2018
Mentors complete sign-up form.

January 2019
Students matched to mentor

February 2019
First meeting
(Hosted by the ILO)
Mentors meet their group of students at University of Bristol.

Before June 2019
Second meeting
(at mentor’s place of work/site location/University or other appropriate location).

November 2019
Students coursework deadline (personal development plan)

Second Year (2019/20)

October/early November 2019
Third meeting
(at mentor’s place of work/site location/University or other appropriate location).

What does being a mentor involve?

We are looking for engineers working in relevant sectors to: (1) provide our students with an insight into working in industry; and (2) inspire them to consider engineering or technology as a career option. Mentors are graduates with a degree in a relevant subject, usually with at least two years’ work experience.


Mentors commit to three meetings with a small group (~5) of students between February and October 2019. The first meeting will be organised by the ILO and held at the University. Mentors will arrange to meet with their mentees on two further occasions, one of which ideally should take place at the mentor’s place of work, or an engineering site location.

Are you interested?

If you are interested in being a mentor to engineering or computer science students you should contact engf-ilomentoring@bristol.ac.uk or speak to Zoe Marston on 0117 95 45161 for details of how to register for the scheme.

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[A group of first year students meet their mentor for the first time].