Help to develop future engineering and computer science talent by mentoring our enthusiastic and curious students.

Mentors help to build our students’ confidence and careers: an invaluable way to link their field of study with your real-world experience and expertise. These relationships can continue to develop, with some of our students undertaking subsequent internships and even graduate employment in their mentor’s workplace.

Our mentoring scheme is well-established, with numerous mentors returning for successive years. Furthermore, with no assessment duties required by mentors, only the students, it is a relatively low-level commitment; a potential CPD activity offset by access to future engineering and computer science talent.

Why mentor?

‘The mentoring scheme at the University of Bristol is something that I am privileged to be a part of to help give back to students at the university. If such a scheme had been running when I was a student I feel it would have been of great benefit to myself. Being involved with the scheme over a number of years helps me keep connected with the university and as well as sharing with the students some of the things I know, I have been able to learn from the students myself. I believe it is important to continually be open to fresh new ideas to ensure innovation in industry continues.’

Andrew Franks, Tods Aerospace

Which students would I mentor?

A group from one of our departments.

How many students are in each group?

Mentors typically have a group of three to five students.

How many meetings would we have and when?

You would have three mentoring meetings across a calendar year with your group. The first would be in February/March and the last would be in October. Please refer to the timeline overleaf for more details.

Who can mentor?

Engineers and Computer Scientists with a degree in a relevant subject, ideally with at least two years’ work experience. In addition, a willingness to:

1. Provide students with insight into their career
2. Inspire students to consider a career in engineering or computer science

Where would we meet?

We arrange the first meeting on campus. The following two meetings are arranged by the mentor and the students, ideally including an on site visit.

How do I become a mentor?

Please complete this form.

Any questions?

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Mentoring Scheme Timeline

Sign up and allocation (2019)

01 July - 30 November
Mentors to complete the sign up form.

December
We allocate students, typically in groups of three to five, to mentors.

Mentoring (2020)

February/March
First mentoring meeting on campus, dates listed on the sign up form. As well as meeting their group for the first time, mentors will also have the chance to network with other mentors working in their field.

April/May
Second mentoring meeting, ideally at the mentor’s workplace (but can be held elsewhere). Please note, the mentor’s company is required to cover the cost of the group’s travel to the workplace.

September/October
Third mentoring meeting, either at the mentor’s workplace, elsewhere, or on campus.

Early November
Students submit a piece of work on their mentoring experience to the university. Thus, the third meeting must be undertaken before November in order for them to finish the scheme.

November/December
Mentors invited to offer feedback on the scheme.

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