Career Mentor Volunteers

What Does a Career Mentor Do?

• Career Dinners
  • Volunteer to attend a Career Dinner as a mentor. At Career Dinners, we will invite alumni mentors and students at a 1:3 alumni to student ratio. At these dinners we will match students and alumni based on academic and career interests, and seat them at the same table.
  • During the 2014-2015 academic year, we expect to host 2 to 3 Career Dinners throughout Winter and Spring quarters.

• Online Mentoring Program
  • We are in the process of choosing a platform and hope to launch the program and have it available to students by the end of the academic year.
  • Depending on the platform we choose, the exact details of what it means to be an online mentor will vary, but mentors will be communicating with students (via email or phone) about career choices, different paths, interviewing etc.

Who we are looking for?

We are hoping to build a network of diverse and interesting volunteers. If you are interested in connecting with students and recent grads, want to share your story and help get people started on their career journey, then you are exactly who we are looking for. We hope to create a varied pool of mentors so that mentees can connect with alumni who have experience in fields they are interested in pursuing.

Logistics:

• Time Commitment - Time spent as a mentor varies—if you are mentoring by attending a career dinner, the commitment would be for the duration of the dinner. If you are volunteering to be an online mentor, it would be a longer commitment depending how many mentees you take on, what services are being offered etc.

• Interactions - how you interact as a mentor is also dependent on which route you choose; as a mentor at a Career Dinner, you will need to be present in Santa Cruz to attend the event. As an online mentor, you will interface with an online mentoring platform.

To learn more, participate or nominate someone as a mentor, please contact Katie Linder, Alumni & Student Outreach Coordinator, at klinder@ucsc.edu.