

Mentoring application form

Our undergraduate students really appreciate advice and guidance – especially if it's coming from someone that may have been in their shoes!

Mentoring is a great way of supporting a current student. It provides the opportunity to help set and achieve career goals and make a significant impact on students' confidence and knowledge. It enables you to share your experiences, give constructive advice and information.

Simple process

The process of matching a suitable mentee to you is very straightforward and is facilitated via our on-line platform **Mentor Match Me** (<http://birmingham.universitymentormatch.com/>). Both mentors and mentees set-up on-line profiles, and the system generates matches based on the information they provide. The mentee then has to send a "proposal" to their matched mentor and it is up to the mentor to select which mentee they would like to move forward with.

Level of commitment – flexible to suit you

We appreciate that your work will be a priority, therefore the level of commitment you can provide is up to you. The only thing we ask is that you have contact with your mentee at least once a month – this can be via e-mail, face to face, Skype or in person. The mentoring itself usually lasts for around 6 - 7 months (December - June), but can be longer dependent on how your progress with your mentee.

You don't have to be local

We have mentors that are based both nationally across the UK and internationally across the globe – they don't see this as a barrier and actively engage with their mentees via e-mail and Skype.

Support from us

We offer support to new and existing mentors throughout the mentoring process, and invite them to attend mentoring events on campus. We are also on hand should you have any queries or questions.

Register your interest

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please send an email with your full name, degree studied and year graduated (and if possible your student ID number), to mentoring@contacts.bham.ac.uk (<mailto:mentoring@contacts.bham.ac.uk>) and a member of the team will get back to you.

See what last year's mentors had to say

“ Grace Owen, Talent Co-ordinator, Betty "I have found the relationship with my mentee really rewarding and it has been great to getting to know her. I've been really impressed with her talent, potential and enthusiasm."

“ Neena Chauhan, Social Research / Marketing and Administrative Assistant, Workers' Educational Association "Extremely useful for students throughout their time at University and should be something that is continued. Support in any capacity has the ability to really change attitudes and emotions whilst studying and really provide a lending hand when it's needed the most."

“ Chris Jones, Academic Foundation Doctor, Queen Elizabeth Hospital "I have thoroughly enjoyed the process. My mentee has been enthusiastic and engaging throughout the year and has reminded me of some of the reasons for choosing my career in the first place. By putting her in touch with other colleagues, this has assisted in strengthening additional professional relationships for myself and has been both challenging and stimulating."

“ Jonathan Nason, Marketing and Public Relations Consultant, Quay Directions (PR) "My mentee has been an excellent partner in the process and sharing ideas and asking questions in our meetings."

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