

## **SOPHOMORE MENTOR PROGRAM**

### **What is the Sophomore Mentor program?**

The University of Pennsylvania School of Engineering and Applied Science Sophomore Mentoring Program is a program in its third year that pairs second year undergraduate engineering students with alumni mentors. Students will be matched with a mentor during the Fall semester of their sophomore year. Information sessions will be held in the Fall and students must be present at either session in order to apply for the program.

The students will meet their mentors in a mutually convenient location during the first semester of their sophomore year (usually during winter break). (There is a possibility that the match may not occur until the second semester). Efforts will be made to match a student with a mentor in the same permanent location, as to enable the student and mentor to meet during school breaks and other convenient times.

Possible informal and formal activities to build the mentor-student relationship include:

- Meeting for lunch
- Touring the mentor's company
- Spending a day shadowing the mentor
- Attending professional meetings

### **What are the benefits of having a mentor?**

The mentor-student relationship encourages the educational and personal growth of the student by:

- Expanding students' perceptions of the engineering field  
**And/Or**
- Providing exposure to the professional engineering field  
**And/Or**
- Providing personal and professional career guidance

### **What is expected of the mentee and mentor?**

The mentor and mentee are expected to initiate and maintain contact with one another following the match process. At the end of the year, both participants must complete and return an evaluation form to the Career Services Office.

### **How do I become a student mentee?**

To be paired with a mentor, you must attend one of the orientation sessions. E-mails will be sent to our sophomore list advertising these sessions. The students will be selected based upon the ability to be paired with a mentor with similar career interests and geographical location.

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