Mentor FAQ

Who can mentor?

We would encourage all alumni to consider becoming a mentor, regardless of age or experience. Your support can be valuable to students/alumni at any point in your career.

Do I have to accept someone’s mentor request?

The Trinity Alumni Online platform affords the mentor the opportunity to accept or decline a mentee, dependent upon the information given by the mentee. If you decline a request there should be a good reason to do so. We encourage you to at least have an initial conversation to explore whether the relationship would be mutually beneficial.

Is it worthwhile meeting with my mentees?

Online mentoring is perfectly possible and can work very well particularly where there are restrictions on geographical location. If there are no restrictions, then meeting your mentee(s) in person can feel more authentic since both of you are present and focused. As a guideline aim for about three meetings of about an hour’s duration over a six month period in addition to replying to any e-mails/questions/concerns.

Should I include an invitation to my place of work or for workplace experience?

This is entirely up to you and you can decide to offer a work experience invitation to someone whom you were initially mentoring over the phone or where you have had one or two formal meetings. There are no hard and fast rules as to how the relationship should progress. As a volunteer though, you are giving your time freely and there is no agreement to provide job opportunities, review business venture proposals or course projects, interview mentees or recruit them for open positions at your place of employment.

How do I become a mentor?

To become a mentor you must activate your mentor profile by clicking the “activate mentor profile” at the top of this page. You will be taken through a quick mentor set up process after which you will be searchable on the platform. As a mentor you agree to adhere to the mentor guidelines and mentor agreement available on the Trinity Alumni Online platform and at the Careers Advisory Service website.