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Most of us have left University thinking that the “world is our oyster” and that employers are “waiting for us with open arms”. Yet in actual fact the professional world is vastly different to what we imagine it to be when still studying for our degree. The reality is that as talented and intelligent as one may be, the current market is interested in whether graduates have transferable skills, which would make them employable.

We are keen to recruit a wide range of professionals to work with our current undergraduate students. This could include providing support and guidance in terms of CV writing and applications, developing job searching techniques and knowing how to approach employers.

Would you like to use your experience and knowledge to help a current student develop their skills and sense of purpose? If so, then becoming a professional mentor will enable and support you to do so.

The Mentees:

Our mentees are current City undergraduates from a variety of disciplines, some with little or no work experience. They come from a range of backgrounds, with priority being given to those unsure of their future career path. Their suitability for the scheme is assessed through an application form and short interview.

The structure:

The scheme runs from November 2011-April 2012 during which time we encourage our pairs to meet a **minimum** of six times. This is dependent on both of your schedules and the relationship you develop. Where possible mentors should hold the majority of the meetings at their place of work so the students can get a taste of your working environment, however, if that it is not convenient, alternative venues are acceptable.

The essence of being a mentor is building a relationship with your mentee that allows you to provide the support and encouragement that they need to maximise their own potential and manage their own learning. Previous mentors have been quoted in saying that “it has been a life changing experience for me”, as they have received immense satisfaction from the scheme.

Full training is available in October to help you grasp the role of mentor and arm you with the necessary tools to support your mentee, the training is also an opportunity to network with other mentors and meet the City University co-ordinators who are there to support you throughout the scheme. For these reasons we strongly recommend that you attend.

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