Invitation to Mentor | Professional Connection Program

Whether you are just discovering the power of the **Women in Technology Wisconsin (WIT Wisconsin)** group or have been participating for several seasons, we'd like to invite you to help shape the future for girls and women in technology.

WITonCampus focuses on supporting female students pursing technology related degrees. By partnering with Wisconsin higher educational institutions, we provide opportunities to explore STEAM fields, network with female professionals, and establish connections with companies across the state.

Our WITonCampus **Professional Connection Program (PCP)** is a powerful way for our female college students to build skills, network, and gain career insights. The PCP program pairs a professional with a student for a semester. During this time, you work together to accomplish goals set by the student.

Here's what the PCP program looks like:

Professional's Role:
- Take the lead, supporting your student with an ongoing, 1:1 relationship
- Serve as a mentor - which is basically being a positive role model & friend
- Build the relationship by planning and participating in activities together, provide recommendations for activities such as meetings, webinars, resources etc.
- Inspire student's self-esteem and motivation
- Help your student set goals and work toward accomplishing them
- Provide additional introductions (as appropriate)

Time Commitment:
- Make a time commitment as defined in the 2023-2024 overview
- Spend a minimum of a couple hours a month with a student to maximize the benefit of the connection
- Communicate with the student at least monthly
- Attend the group kickoff event
- Complete program end survey

Participation Requirements:
- Work in IT or a technology related field - no minimum years of experience required
- Demonstrate interest in working with student professionals
- Complete the Professional Pre-match Survey (link on Pg. 2)
- Model dependable and consistent practices for meeting the time commitments

Benefits:
- Achieve personal fulfillment by contributing to your student's success
- Feel the satisfaction in helping someone mature, progress, and achieve goals
- Gain perspective and market insight on what upcoming professionals seek

APPLICATION:
Open: Monday, 8/28/23
Close: Friday, 9/29/23

KICK-OFF MEETING:
 [Virtual] 10/20/23

PROGRAM START:
Friday, 10/27/23

PROGRAM CLOSE:
Friday, 4/19/24

Interested? Let's get you started:

Share your interest in the 2023 - 2024 Professional Connection Program by filling out and submitting the **WITonCampus PCP Mentor Application**

What happens next?

We will review your information alongside our student pool and make matches based on interests and goals. Introductions will be made, and your direct student connection will officially begin with a Kick-off meeting the week of October 20th, 2023.

Other 'good to know' items:

When matching, we prioritize keeping our mentors and mentees within the same geographic location, but sometimes interests provide a better match. In those cases, we've found virtual connections to be quite successful.

We encourage you to refer college students to the program! While we work hard to get the Professional Connections Program word out statewide, personal recommendations are always the best way to engage students. Please take a moment to review the Student Welcome information found on our website, as it walks through program qualifications from the student side of the relationship.

If you have any questions about taking part in our Professional Connection program or referring a student, don't hesitate to get in touch with us. We're excited to make connections and inspire bright futures.

All the best,
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