"Having a solid link to the professional world gave me the confidence to approach new opportunities with a greater understanding of what is expected of me and how my career can be incorporated into creating a happy life."

AKHILESH PRIO
Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)

"I maintained a very professional relationship with my mentor during the program. We still keep in contact today, and are able to consult about anything. The value of having a mentor is priceless."

VICTORIA JAEGER
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What is the Business Career Mentor Program?

The Program connects you with an experienced business professional to enhance your employability and broaden your network.

We have mentors and mentees based locally, interstate and internationally and are able to facilitate face-to-face as well as online mentoring relationships.

Develop your career management skills and industry knowledge with a mentor while having access to exclusive networking opportunities throughout the Program.

What are the benefits of the Program?

A mentor can support you with assistance, knowledge and advice relating to:

• career planning
• employability skill development
• graduate opportunities
• resume content
• interview preparation
• business etiquette
• employer expectations
• networking opportunities
• workplace culture

In addition, the Program can provide access to:

• mentor and industry presentations
• site visits and field trips
• self-development workshops
• other university career initiatives, e.g. volunteering, leadership, placements, projects, internships, networking and employment opportunities

Who are the mentors?

Our mentors are a mix of UniSA Business School Alumni and industry partners with a variety of skills and experience relevant to your area of study and career aspirations.

To view a selection of mentor profiles, please visit the website.

Am I eligible to apply?

Students:

Whether you are studying internally, externally, part time, full time or living remotely (country SA, interstate or overseas), we encourage you to apply.

• You must be enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate Business School program
• Undergraduate students must have completed a minimum of 8 courses in your current degree
• You must have a minimum GPA of 4 or above

Recent Graduates:

• You must have completed an undergraduate or postgraduate Business School program in the past 3 years

How do I apply?

• Applications open at the start of Study Period 2 (late February)
• Complete the online application form, found at: w3.unisa.edu.au/business/currentstudents/bcmp
• Complete your online interview—instructions provided in the application

Tips:

• Be prepared—undertake a sample of test questions before your final interview
• Be professional—treat this like a job interview, e.g. dress appropriately
• Be organised—complete your interview by the closing date

What am I committing to?

Successful completion of the Program requires participation or involvement in:

• an online interview
• the Program from May–November
• a training and preparation session
• submission of goals for the Program and mentoring agreement
• attending the Connect networking event
• a minimum of 6 x 1 hour meetings (face-to-face, online or phone)
• a minimum of 6 monthly reflections (500 words each), to be submitted by the end of each month
• meeting Program deadlines
• providing feedback for the Program

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