

NSW/ACT Graduation – Fri 19 October 2018

# SSSI NATIONAL YOUNG PROFESSIONALS MENTORING PROGRAM 2018



# WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

- **4 months (July – October 2018)**
- **8 topics on career development**
  - Applying for a job - CV and interview skills
  - What to do at events and conferences
  - Presentation and attitude
  - Communication
  - Asking for help - when, where and how
  - Public speaking
  - Managing up
  - What it's like in the real world
- **Aims:**
  - Empower students entering the surveying and spatial sciences industry for early career success
  - Build leadership in young professionals working in the industry
  - Provide a platform to strengthen young professionals in the industry

*The SSSI Young Professionals Mentoring Program 2018 facilitates mentoring connections between students nearing the end of their degree programs and professionals working in the surveying and spatial sciences industry. This is a structured, fixed term program from July to October 2018, and will include fortnightly meetings between mentors and mentees to discuss eight given topics.*

*As a student or young professional, if you want to fast track your early career, we'll help you achieve this!*



# THE EXPERIENCE OF MENTEES

“I came into this program on recommendation from a friend, and I think I applied on the very last day with little idea of what to expect. I met [my mentor] in person and I noticed small things about my presentation and appearance which should have been more professional. From the first session we identified areas I would gain the most benefit from - starting with touching up my long neglected LinkedIn profile and touching up my resume (it's amusing for me to compare it to what I submitted earlier in the year).

The most useful thing I have gained from taking part in this program is confidence.”

“I have gained so much knowledge from this mentoring program that I would not have found anywhere else. My mentor is very open, nurturing and supportive. I've learnt both new and old things about the Spatial Sciences industry that will undoubtedly aid me in my own career when I enter the workforce. I would definitely recommend this program to any students in the area.”



# THE EXPERIENCE OF MENTEES

“It's been immensely useful for my personal development, in addition to my overall career outlook. I've found my life more purposeful than ever. [My mentor] has been a great mentor.”

This program was excellent and defining and fine tuning skills I already had as well as introducing me to more that will be extremely relevant for a career in spatial sciences. It has been very valuable getting to know my mentor, establishing a network and gaining insights firsthand of what it's like to be well established in the spatial sciences industry.

“It was very interesting and useful. I discovered a lot of interesting things for my career and it helped my networking a lot.”



# THE EXPERIENCE OF MENTEES

“I have really enjoyed this program and the conversations I have had with my mentor. I have found it extremely useful, I have learnt a lot from my mentors experiences and have been able to share mine as well. I am also extremely happy with how well I was matched with a mentor who has a great mix of industry and research experience.”

“It has been a great learning experience being part of this program. I never expected to gain this much knowledge of working in my field through this. Thanks to my mentor, I feel like I'm ready, as a soon-to-be graduate, to find work in my field and know what I can expect and what is expected of me.”

“This has been a very rewarding experience and I have learned a lot from [my mentor]’s personal experiences and insights. She has given me some great advice and I really appreciate her suggestions!”



# THE EXPERIENCE OF MENTEES

“This program was well organised covering the fundamentals of being a successful professional. Both pre and post-survey questions were designed to think critically and putting individuals into the situation. Furthermore, it provided information of general working culture in Australia which was extremely useful specially if someone is coming from overseas.

I am glad to have a mentor who was kind, supportive, enthusiastic and knowledgeable. It was an amazing journey of sharing each other's experience, ideas and most importantly organising oneself. This program helped me improve my confidence level and professional ethics. I am looking forward to apply this knowledge in the real world.”



# THE EXPERIENCE OF MENTEES

Program has been really good at giving me an insight into different aspects of the workplace and areas that I can personally work on to help improve my chances of succeeding in my professional life into the future. I feel like my expectations for what to expect when entering the workplace are now more realistic and I will be more comfortable going into interviews now.

I thought it was going to be difficult to open up to my mentor but it was very easy. And I learned a lot within this short period especially about being confident. Lastly, I now have in my possession materials that are priceless. Thank you SSSI.”

“The mentoring program was quite comprehensive and engaging. It covered issues related to work and life. In addition, the mentoring was very interactive so that the mentee got many beneficial feedback.”



*“If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.”*

- Isaac Newton

*“One of the greatest values of mentors is the ability to see ahead what others cannot see and to help them navigate a course to their destination.”*

- John C Maxwell

*“An effective mentoring relationship is a win-win transformative experience for both parties. The mentee contributes to shaping the conversation as much as the mentor.”*

- Anna Giraldo-Kerr, CEO, Shades of Success



# THE EXPERIENCE OF MENTORS

“I didn’t realise that young people would be interested in my experiences, or how much I’ve learnt over the years. I’m glad someone is finding it useful.”

“It’s been a real privilege”

*Advice to mentees:*

“Keep on asking questions and don't be afraid to keep learning and upskilling.”

“Everyone has been in your shoes before, so don’t be so afraid – you’ll get there.”

“Start talking to your peers more – networking is priceless!”



# CONGRATULATIONS!!

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