

Introducing the ENGMENTOR SCHEME to Mentors

Engineers Australia – Newcastle Division



What is the purpose of the Eng Mentor Scheme?

The EngMentor scheme is intended to give Engineering students an idea of what the actual Engineering work place scene is like, and provide students with a contact in industry who is a practising graduate Engineer willing to assist them.

Which students may participate - how will they join the Scheme - and what is expected of them?

The scheme is for Engineering Students at tertiary education institutions located in the Newcastle Division, and is principally centred on Newcastle University. Students are invited to sign up for the scheme - indicating the areas they are interested in. Later they will be invited to a meeting where they will hear more about how the scheme operates and meet their assigned Mentor. The mentor is assigned for one year. Students may sign up in more than one year.

Who will the Mentors be? And what is expected of them?

All Engineers are invited to be mentors. This scheme is not limited to IEAust members, and all practising engineers are welcome to act as mentors. Experienced professional engineers are preferred but all volunteers will be considered.

The role of the Mentor is to provide personal experience and insights which students may not otherwise gain. This is becoming more important now as most students are enrolled full time with many unable to gain real practical experience during their studies.

Mentors are not expected to provide assistance with assignments and other course work. Mentors are requested to attend the Meet Your Mentor meeting where they will hear a suggested process for the rest of the meeting, meet their students, discuss their interests and work out together the most useful things they can do together.

It is not a requirement for Mentors to provide the Student with vacation employment but they may be able to guide them to areas that may be applicable to their specific interest. However if the Mentor is able to find, or even provide, vacation experience then this is a bonus.

People volunteering to act as Mentors are invited to complete a Mentor Registration Form and forward it to Engineers Australia Newcastle Division Office – see form for details.

Experience in the Mentor Scheme is that much of the activity occurs during the university year when the student has more flexibility to visit sites etc during working hours. Mentors may be assigned more than one student – and your actual amount of time spent on mentoring will vary from student to student.

Please note that this scheme is conducted on an annual cycle with a publicity campaign followed by a “Meet your Mentor” meeting in March to April each year. Registrations received outside this period will be held over until the following April

For more Information and registration forms please contact Engineers Australia
Newcastle Division Office on 02 49264440 or visit www.engineersaustralia.org.au
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