

What is the STC-FTC Mentorship Program?

Many STC professionals act as mentors to individual FTC students to provide educational opportunities outside the walls of a classroom and bridge the gap between the academic and professional worlds. Not all mentor-mentee pairs function the same way, allowing each pair to have a personalized experience. Even so, pairs work together to determine goals between the mentor and mentee and establish a plan to accomplish these goals with various activities such as:

- *Work on job search and placement* (polishing resume, building portfolio, practicing interviews).
- *Coauthor articles* in STC *Memo to Members* newsletter.
- Design, write, and *produce promotional material* for FTC and STC events.
- *Job shadow* at mentor's place of employment.
- *Polish core skills* in writing, editing, and graphic design.
- *Enhance tool skills* in computer applications, electronic publishing, web design, and social media.

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Orlando STC- UCF FTC Mentorship Program



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FTC Members meet their mentees for the first time.

What is FTC?

Future Technical Communicators (FTC) is a registered student organization (RSO) at UCF. FTC is open to all, but *students majoring in technical communication, English, or related fields will benefit the most from joining FTC*. It gives members the opportunities to:

- Meet students with similar interests who are studying within a small field.
- Work with fellow members on educational and professional projects.
- Network with professionals by actively participating in the STC-FTC mentorship program.

What is STC?

The Orlando Central Florida Chapter of the Society for Technical Communication (STC), a group of professional technical communicators, works to advance the practice of technical communication. *The chapter includes student members from UCF, giving them the opportunity to network with and learn from professionals in their field.*

Why Should I Join?

“I got to write an article with my mentor that was published in a professional magazine. She is helping me set up a killer resume and given me insight of the workplace. Being a part of STC has also given me plenty of opportunities about open positions for my degree!”

Amber Allman—FTC Mentee

“For me, the greatest benefit of the mentoring program is the opportunity to help a young professional get a running start on his/her career in our profession. I've also found that mentoring is a two-way street; I learn as well as teach. It's a partnership.”

Dan Voss—STC Mentor

“Join FTC, STC, and the Orlando chapter's mentoring program and be active. It is the best investment you can possibly make in your career.”

John D. Applen—Professor at UCF

Where Can I Start?

To enter the FTC-STC mentorship program, a student must be a current member of STC and FTC and be an undergraduate or graduate student working toward a degree in technical communication, English or a related field.

How Do I Join?

Joining FTC is free. There is however, an \$75 membership fee to join STC. To join STC, register online as a student at the Society for Technical Communication web page (www.stc.org). If you wish to join the mentorship program, a completed copy of the mentee application must be sent to either mentorship program leader listed.

Where Can I Find More?

Orlando Central Florida Chapter of the Society for Technical Communication:

www.stc-orlando.org

