STC Florida Mentoring Program

The mentoring program pairs STC members with University of Central Florida (UCF) students in technical communication and related fields based on mentee goals and mentor areas of expertise. The mission is to provide a structured approach by which mentors from the Florida Chapter of STC provide one-on-one assistance to student mentees, helping them establish themselves in our profession. The program typically spans two semesters. It has been expanded to include recent graduates (within 3 years) and other Florida Chapter members seeking mentoring, on a mentor-availability basis. Priority goes to students, followed by recent graduates, followed by general members of the chapter.

Benefits

For Mentors
- Gain personal satisfaction from helping others discover their potential
- Enhance coaching, feedback, and leadership skills
- Gain exposure to new perspectives from the mentee
- Expand professional networks

For Mentees
- Develop networks
- Receive career guidance
- Increase their visibility
- Learn to adapt to changing professional and organizational circumstances
- Develop and enhance skills needed to move forward in their careers

For the Chapter
- Strengthen the local technical writing community
- Generate positive word of mouth advertisement
- Help the chapter execute educational outreach initiatives at the high school and college level
- Strengthen and expand the relationship between UCF and STC
- Increase attendance at STC chapter meetings

For the Society
- Stabilize student STC membership
- Attract mentees as potential long-term STC members after graduation
- Promote STC as a professional networking society
- Identify and develop potential new leaders
- Increase attendance at annual Summit

Eligibility

Mentor Qualifications
- Current member of the Florida Chapter of STC with at least 2 years' professional experience in technical communication, or
- At least 3 years' professional experience in technical communication (exceptions can be made if circumstances warrant).

Mentee Qualifications
- Current member of the Florida Chapter of STC and (if at UCF) a member of FTC.
- Currently enrolled an undergraduate or graduate technical writing program or a related discipline at UCF or another Central Florida college, or
- A recent graduate (3 years) of such a program, or
- Any STC member in our chapter desiring mentoring from experienced practitioners and subject matter experts.

If you are interested in participating in the mentoring program, please visit the Florida chapter's website for details and instructions.