



MENTORING WITH THE SMF

Thank you for your interest in mentoring with the Social Mobility Foundation.

The students that we support on our Aspiring Professionals Programme (APP) are high achievers and come from low-income backgrounds. Indeed, 90% of our 2014 cohort will be the first generation in their family to go to university. Through the APP, we aim to provide the guidance and practical support that these talented individuals may not receive from home or school. Those who are accepted on to the programme gain access to a wide range of opportunities, including workshops, internships, advice on university applications and the opportunity to be mentored for a year by a professional in their chosen sector.

Mentoring is a key part of the APP because it provides a sustained level of support for the students. Mentors commit 15-30mins of their time per week to correspond with their student via email. We also arrange optional meet-ups throughout the year, and encourage mentors to invite their mentee to shadow them for a day where possible.

SMF students often have lots of questions about professions and the pathways into the sector that their mentor is already working in, so mentoring is a great way for you to give advice and share your experiences with someone who wants to make informed decisions about their future.

The next mentoring programme will begin in March 2015. All mentors will need to undergo an Enhanced DBS check, an easy process that can be completed at either our office in London, our Manchester office or by post. Any questions about the programme will be answered at this point.

To register interest in acting as a mentor with us we ask all prospective mentors to complete and submit our professional sign-up form, available through this [link](#).

We cannot guarantee that we will need the goodwill of all volunteers but hope to utilise everyone's expertise in some way over the year to help our talented students.

If you have any questions, please contact mentors@socialmobility.org.uk, or read more about us at www.socialmobility.org.uk.

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