



Graduate Student Mentor Program



The Asper Graduate Student Mentor Program connects Asper MBA, Master of Finance, and Master of Supply Chain students with inspirational leaders in Winnipeg and across Canada.

We are looking for mid- to senior-level employees and entrepreneurs to provide insight and value to the next generation of business professionals. Mentors meet with students from January to August, and represent diverse backgrounds, functions, companies and industries.

WHAT IS AN ASPER GRADUATE STUDENT MENTOR?

You will act as an adviser, motivator and role model to our Asper MBA, Master of Finance, and Master of Supply Chain students as they look to enhance their careers, make a career change or familiarize themselves with a new region.

Through the mentoring experience, our students are looking for guidance and feedback on developing their leadership skills, information on industries or career paths and insight to best business practices.

As a mentor, you will have the opportunity to either meet with a student mentee on a one-to-one basis (five times over an eight month period) or choose to host a one-time group mentoring session for students interested in your company or area of specialization.

“Being a mentor to a promising MBA student is a rewarding experience. Our regular discussions kept me grounded in what was being taught at the school, while I was able to help her make some connections within the community. I would do it again in a heartbeat!”

Diane Gray, President and CEO of CentrePort Canada

“My experience as a mentor was very positive. The student I mentored was extremely professional, well organized, and made each interaction an effortless and enjoyable experience. I would recommend being a mentor to anyone, not only for the satisfaction of helping a student interested in the finance industry, but as a way to stay close to the next generation of talented professionals entering the industry.”

*Joe Brekelmans [MBA/98], CFA
Vice-President of Investment Technology,
Canada Life*

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME AS A MENTOR?

The program is designed to be flexible, allowing you and your student mentee to decide on how best the relationship will work.

The minimal expectations of our mentors are:

- Approach the mentoring relationship with an open mind, professionalism and respect.
- For one-to-one mentors, strive to meet with your student mentee five times over an eight month period. For group mentors, host a small group of students once.
- Guide your student mentee toward achieving developmental and career goals by providing constructive feedback.
- Share knowledge about specific jobs, career paths, leadership competencies, organizational cultures and industries while facilitating networking opportunities.
- Communicate concerns immediately.

As a mentor, you are NOT expected to offer jobs or internships, to have all the answers, or to initiate contact with your student mentee.



HOW WILL I BENEFIT AS A MENTOR?

The student you mentor will benefit greatly from your expertise. This partnership will also be a positive and enriching experience for our mentors. We hope each mentor will:

- Experience a (re)connection with Asper.
- Feel inspired and re-energized through their connection with students.
- Refine their coaching and mentoring skills.
- Impact the development of Manitoba's future business leaders.

Contact an Asper Graduate Career Consultant if you are interested in participating as an Asper Graduate Student Mentor:

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“As an international student, I wanted a mentor to guide me toward a career in the Canadian financial industry. I couldn't have asked for a better mentor than the Vice-President of Investment Technology at Canada Life.”

– *Farhan Shahriar [MFin/18]*



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