

# Geophysics Mentorship Program

The CSEG Outreach Committee is excited to launch a formalized mentorship program. CSEG Outreach believes this individualized opportunity to support geophysics' students is an important part of their development as future geoscientists. Partnering students with professional geophysicists enables students to gain invaluable skills as well as to help ensure the industry will continue to grow and flourish in the years to come. The Mentorship Program will further the knowledge, skills and personal attributes necessary in helping students become successful geophysicists.

The CSEG Outreach Committee is asking professional geophysicists to reflect on their careers and remember the individuals that truly made a difference to their profession. In order to have a successful mentorship program the CSEG needs industry professionals to take part. A professional's advice, help and knowledge is invaluable to help shape students into becoming productive and confident geoscientists. Matching students with

well-chosen mentors will have a positive impact on their careers. A mentor is someone with experience or unique talents, who is willing to share ideas on a regular basis. It is like a teacher-student relationship, except that the students have the benefit of one-on-one tutoring. What a deal!

## How It Would Work

The CSEG would like to create the opportunity for mentoring relationships to occur between students studying geophysics in their third or fourth year and industry geophysicists. Interested applicants would first need to fill out the mentor or mentee application form. Following this step the Mentorship Committee will then match students with a professional geophysicist who has similar interests. Participants will then be contacted by email or phone by the program coordinators to ensure a successful pairing. The mentor/ mentee is expected to coordinate a 15-25 minute conversation at least once a month to allow for the mentoring process. Before this time

make sure to have some good questions to ask in order to develop a relationship.

## What does it take to be a mentor?

A mentor is anyone who believes that they the ability to provide suggestions, support and advice to another person who has less experience in the field of geophysics. There are many benefits to being a mentor some of which include: having fun, giving back to the community, and making a positive difference in a student's life. Don't sell yourself short- many experienced people have the ability to be a mentor. This is a chance to make a difference! The CSEG will provide some suggestions and training to assist mentors as well.

## To Apply

If you are interested in participating in this program please fill out the application forms that are on the CSEG website at [www.cseg.ca/students/](http://www.cseg.ca/students/) and contact [mentorship@cseg.ca](mailto:mentorship@cseg.ca) R

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