CHAMP

(CommArts Alumni Mentor Partners) Frequently Asked Questions

Who are the mentors?

Mentors are SHU alumni who have had 10+ years of experiences and accomplishments in their respective fields. Most are vice-president level professionals or higher and represent all areas of the communications, broadcasting, design, marketing and public relations industries.

How do I apply?

Go to https://shu.biginterview.com/ and enter assignment code f2eb30 to access the video application and instructions or email The Career Center at careers@shu.edu for information.

How are students selected for participation?

Criteria for selection is informed by a variety of contributing factors including academic performance, professional maturity, past leadership or program involvement, and/or faculty referral.

How are students matched with mentors?

We try our best to match students with mentors in their field of interest. However, that is not always possible. All mentors have a wealth of information as well as practical advice for approaching a number of industries and contacts which may be helpful in your career search.

How does the program work?

The program takes place from January – May. The "kickoff" meeting is in January and that's when students meet their mentors. Throughout the semester, students are required to have at least 4 meetings with their mentors, either be in person or online. Mentors are encouraged to include their mentees in professional meetings, sight visits and events, when possible.

What if my mentor doesn't work in our Metro area?

We are fortunate that technology is available to accommodate all situations. Many students conduct digital meetings with their mentor. Over the past few years, we've seen a growing number of mentors from outside the SHU geographic region, so some CHAMP students can expect a mentor who can only meet virtually.

How do I register for the 1-credit course?

Once a student accepted to CHAMP, a permit will be issued so that you can register for the course.

What is involved in the course?

Throughout the semester students are required to participate in discussion boards and reflective writing assignments. These assignments are meant to help students gain the most out of their work with their mentor, learn more about their own career interests and to set career goals. This course is graded Credit/No Credit.

What if I have trouble connecting with my mentor?

If there are any challenges that arise, students should contact The Career Center at careers@shu.edu