

# KSUF Trustee-Student Foundation Mentor Program

A mentor is a guide. A friend. A resource who paves the way to success, and derives satisfaction from helping others succeed. Mentors inspire, encourage, and support students, and contribute to their professional and personal growth.

## Why become a mentor?

- Give back to the university
- Enhance the lives of students
- Be a positive role model

## Mission

The KSUF Trustee-Student Foundation Mentor Program links members of Student Foundation with members of the Board of Trustees — offering an innovative approach by providing students practical application of networking skills, as well as personal and professional growth. The unique outcome of this program is to allow KSUF trustees the opportunity to model lifelong philanthropic behavior.

## Becoming a mentor

The KSUF Trustee-Student Foundation Mentor Program is structured and designed with the schedule of a busy trustee in mind. Your available time and the student's level of need drives the nature of the mentor-mentee relationship. You and your mentee will determine the scope of your mentorship; we trust you, as highly invested and committed members of the K-State family to agree on expectations together and fulfill them over the course of the year. At minimum, we would suggest an hour a month of conversation through whichever method of communication you choose.

By investing your time as a mentor, you will have the opportunity to positively impact the life of a K-State Student Foundation member.

## A mentor's role

Serving as a mentor provides an opportunity for you to share your professional experience, knowledge and skills with members of Student Foundation who are preparing to enter the business world. The mentor will act as a coach and role model to support a student with his or her personal and professional growth. The program provides a golden opportunity for trustees to counsel and influence the next generation of K-State's premier advocates, ambassadors and investors.

Being a mentor provides personal satisfaction as well as the ability to increase the workforce readiness of future recruits. As mentors, trustees will help students clarify and achieve their personal and career goals, through sharing support, along with offering friendship and professional advice. As a mentor, you will work with your mentee to determine what you each want to achieve through your mentorship in the upcoming year and work together to maintain routine communication to achieve those goals.

## Mentor responsibilities, goals and objectives

- Be available for monthly engagement
- Provide support and encouragement
- Help students clarify goals
- Offer guidance and constructive feedback
- Develop resources and tools to make informed career decisions
- Through coaching and feedback, develop leadership, teamwork, creative thinking and interpersonal skills
- Advise on personal growth, academics, and career topics
- Provide a forum for the observation, practice and mastery of professional networking skills
- To share experiences about your own philanthropic journey
- Provide guidance on achieving future philanthropic goals

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*The Kansas State University Student Foundation focuses on raising awareness among current and future alumni about the importance of giving back to K-State and cultivating philanthropy across the university.*