College of Engineering and Computing Alumni Mentor Program
Frequently Asked Questions for Alumni

The Mentor Program at College of Engineering and Computing was established to provide students with opportunities to define their academic and professional goals, develop career skills and define their personal competencies through guidance from CEC alumni and engineering professionals. The program provides a unique opportunity for both students and alumni to be engaged with the CEC.

Why should I participate in the CEC Connect Alumni Mentor Program?
CEC students are willing and eager to learn from your professional and personal experiences. With your wisdom and guidance, you can positively impact the life of a current student to make sure they get the most out of their academic experience. Mentorship can provide lasting relationships that will continue to grow and evolve far beyond graduation.

What is expected of me as a mentor?
The program is designed to engage alumni volunteers of all backgrounds and experience levels. This process is all about what you want to make it! Mentors and mentees are encouraged to connect on a regular basis (i.e. once a month via phone call, email or Skype conversation). However, you both can determine the frequency and form of communication. It’s all up to you!

How will a mentor match be made?
Once you join CEC Connect and indicate your willingness to serve as a mentor, you’ll be a part of the exclusive, online mentoring community. On a rolling basis, CEC students will have a chance to join and review mentor profiles to find a mentor who fits their interests and career goals. Once a student finds their ideal mentor, the student will send a direct message requesting to be your mentee. From there, mentors will review mentorship request(s) and approve student(s) accordingly.

I’m still receiving messages from students requesting mentorship, yet I have already accepted my maximum number of mentees?
Once you have accepted all the mentees you are able to mentor, you may update your profile to change your availability. Within your profile, you can unselect the “Willing to be a
mentor” box. You can do so by clicking on the “Me” tab on the top menu bar, then click “Update my profile,” and uncheck “Willing to be a mentor.” This will signal that you are no longer available for mentorship and thus no longer accepting requests.

**What if I don’t receive any requests for mentorship from students?**
Mentors are encouraged to complete their profile by including all relevant professional, academic, and volunteer experience. In addition, you can enhance your profile by providing answers to the questions: “Why do you want to mentor a current student?” and “What do you hope to offer as a mentor?” This will provide students with the best information to determine that you are the best match for mentorship. Staff can also assist you with finding a mentee match, if needed.