

ALUMNI MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Queen's Law Career Development Office is proud to support a number of mentorship opportunities for alumni to connect with and support current Queen's Law Students. These mentorship opportunities are not intended to serve as direct sources of employment for students.



1L SHADOW PROGRAM

What is Shadow Program?

The Shadow Program gives students a unique opportunity to observe the day-to-day work of a lawyer. Each student is matched with a Queen's Law alumnus based on the host's location and area of practice.

What does a Shadow Host Do?

Hosts are asked to allow a student to experience a 'day in the life' of a legal professional.

What are examples of activities you can do on Shadow Day?

- Include a student in a meeting
- Introduce students to the articling students in your office
- Provide a tour of the office
- Conduct informal discussions with host and colleagues

What is the expected timeline and time commitment?

Shadow visits take place on one day, typically during reading week in mid-February



3LINK MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

What is 3Link?

3Link will connect third-year Queen's Law students who are actively seeking articling opportunities with alumni mentors. Approximately 25% of students enter their third year of law school actively seeking articles. The Career Development Office has found that students have better success with their job search if they can find mentors who are tapped into the legal community. The aim of this program is to find meaningful mentorships for these students and help to build and strengthen their contact base as young professionals.

What does a mentor do?

Mentors provide guidance on:

- Best practices for establishing a career in a specific legal area/location
- Professional development opportunities that may enhance marketability (i.e. local networking events)
- Resume and cover letter feedback
- Job search tips
- Contacts/recommendations for informational interviews
- Encouragement and support

What are examples of activities mentors engage in with students?

- Phone or Skype chat to learn more about the student and their career aspirations
- In-person meeting to discuss progress and brainstorm ideas to move forward
- Invitations to networking events
- Introductions to colleagues
- A visit to your office to shadow your work day

What is the expected timeline and time commitment?

The program will launch in January and run until June. The program is designed to be autonomous so that you and the student decide how frequently you would like to connect. The frequency of engagement is entirely up to you and what your schedule will allow; however, we do encourage a minimum engagement of one hour per month. The Career Development Office will monitor progress with the students and will have timely touch points with you to share ideas and solicit feedback.

To register for Shadow Program or 3Link, please complete this form:
<https://law-queens-csm.symplcity.com/surveys/MentorApplication>



PRONET

What is ProNet?

Queen's Law Professional Network, or "ProNet," is a password-protected, online database, only accessible by Queen's Law students. It allows students to contact experienced law graduates to ask about career paths and opportunities, the realities of practising law or using a law degree in a non-legal setting, and the logistics of obtaining particular types of positions.

What does a ProNet Mentor Do?

We welcome recent and more senior alumni practising in diverse areas and working in non-traditional positions, in a variety of geographic locations, who can offer insights into work in their area of law or type of employment and the processes for recruitment and career development in their field or location.

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Please let us know if you have any questions or comments, and thank you for your support.