Learn from a Planning Mentor in the SCARP Mentorship Program

An opportunity for SCARP's first- and second-year MCRP students

In your future, what will you wish you knew right from the start?

What I've been studying in class has been remarkable, invaluable, but what may be missing is how it all comes together in the workplace, in teams, in the field.

Maybe if I had the perspective of someone who, not long ago, was just like me — someone who has time to talk through my ideas, give their own story of their struggles and how they solved them, and coach me through my development as a Planner. I have questions already, but I also know there are questions I don't even know to ask yet.

Is this you? This isn't just common, this is a valuable part of professional life: finding and forging a collegial relationship with someone who used to be like you, who has similar aspirations and values, who has the skills you hope to one day have, and the wisdom for how to get from here to there.

A mentor.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

- Start to build a professional network with industry professionals and student peers
- Expand your knowledge about planning professions
- Learn from established planners and gain exposure to new ideas and opportunities
- Get involved (or more deeply involved) with SCARP and professional societies such as the Planning Institute of BC, and earn points towards professional planner certification

HOW WILL THIS WORK?

We've prepared a questionnaire for both mentors and protégés (or "mentees") to get started, about who you are, what you're great at, and what you'd like to be great at! The survey will turn your answers into a resume-style bio. Mentors and protégés alike will be paired together. The next step is yours!

Remember: while we help you match, and while we get you started, this relationship is up to you both to maintain. Work to reach out, and value each other's conversation and time.

WHAT'S EXPECTED OF ME IF I JOIN?

Your collaboration with your mentor will span from June through to August, with a time commitment of 20 hours (or more!)

In the end, though, you get from this program whatever you give! This is a unique opportunity to have a relationship that takes self-starting networking skills be initiated for you.

If especially successful, this relationship could last your entire professional life. Even accomplished and decorated Planning professionals (and professionals of any stripe) get life-long value from a mentorship relationship with someone who knows them, knows the industry, and wants them to succeed throughout their professional adventure.

Apply by October 30!

Click here to apply now!