

*“ I had a wonderful experience.” - a UWO Mentorship Program Student Mentee*

## **Mission**

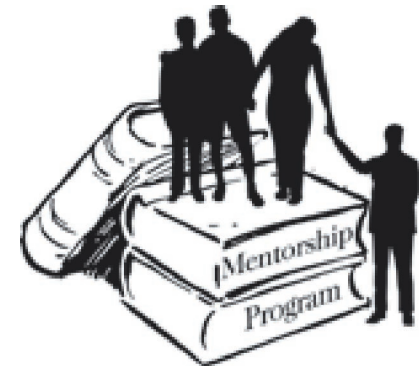
To connect Library and Information Science students with practising library or information professionals, thereby facilitating the exchange of knowledge, wisdom, experience and support between mentors and mentees and throughout the profession.

*“ I really wish such a program had existed when I was in Library school!” - a UWO Mentorship Program Mentor volunteer*

*“ I really enjoy being a part of this program.” - a UWO Mentorship Program Mentor volunteer*

## **Vision**

To become a permanent and fundamental component of the Masters' of Library and Information Science (MLIS) student experience at the University of Western Ontario. The program enhances student experience through the facilitation of networking opportunities that ultimately ease student transition into practice. To achieve this goal, the program will increase awareness of the professional mentorship program in the field, thereby increasing the pool of mentors in various areas of specialization and geographic locations to reflect the varied interests of MLIS students.



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## **Mentorship Program**

Faculty of Information and Media Studies  
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*Connecting students and professionals*

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## Suggested Discussion Topics

- resume review
- course recommendations
- industry overviews
- professional trends
- current issues
- library tours
- attending conferences
- job shadowing
- introductions to other professionals in the field

"the dialogue that we started gave me some new ideas" - a UWO Mentorship Program Student Mentee

"talking to my mentor brought everything that I was learning into focus" - a UWO Mentorship Program Student Mentee

## Mentorship Program Guidelines

- Communication between mentor and mentee should occur at least twice per four month term
- The mentor should try to respond to the mentee within two weeks
- The mode of communication is at the discretion of the participants but several effective methods include emails, phone calls, and lunch or coffee meetings.

## Who can be a Mentee?

- UWO MLIS students who would like advice and guidance about library and information careers from professionals in the field.
  - UWO MLIS students who are interested in making professional connections in the library and information science workforce.
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## Who can be a Mentor?

- Librarians or Information Professionals who would like to provide support and coaching for an interested student.
  - Librarians or Information Professionals with an interest in contributing to the education of a future professional.
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