

Forestry Mentorship and Job Shadowing Program

*East Kentucky Chapter of the Society of American Foresters and
University of Kentucky Department of Forestry*
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Purpose

The purpose of the Forestry Mentorship and Job Shadowing Program is to facilitate connections with undergraduate forestry students and forestry professionals. It is through these connections forestry students can gain career advice, knowledge about various aspects of the forestry profession, and access to professional networks.

Program Requirements

- Participants in the program must agree at a minimum to:
 1. One on-site meeting per semester at the mentor's place of business
 2. One face to face meeting per semester
- We encourage both the undergraduate forestry student and mentor to periodically communicate via phone or email with each other.
- Undergraduate forestry students will be matched with mentors based on the student's career interests. One mentor may be paired with more than one student.

How to Get Involved

Students – Undergraduate forestry students interested in the program should contact Laura Lhotka, Academic Coordinator UK Department of Forestry (laura.lhotka@uky.edu or 859-257-8718). Please provide the following information by **Thursday, September 12, 2013**:

1. Name
2. Email and phone number
3. Year in forestry program
4. Career interest
5. Geographical preference, if any

Mentors – Forestry professionals interested in the mentoring program should contact Kevin Tudor, Vice-chair East Kentucky Chapter of the Society of American Foresters (Kevin.Tudor@domtar.com or 606-524-6444).

What is a Mentor?

For this program, a mentor defined as:

“a senior member of the profession or organization who shares values, provides emotional support, career counseling, information and advice, professional and organizational sponsorship, and facilitates access to key organizational and professional networks.” (Olian et al (1988) p. 16)

Olian, J.D., S.J. Carroll, C.M. Giannantonio, and D.B. Feren. 1988. What Do Proteges Look for in a Mentor? Results of Three Experimental Studies. Journal of Vocational Behavior 33:15-37.

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