



U.S. WIN is now accepting student applications for the 2022 conference sponsorships. Please let your interns, co-ops, and other students know about this opportunity.

Applications

- The application is located [here](https://forms.gle/UQ868yiXsmfq9eBS6) (available directly at <https://forms.gle/UQ868yiXsmfq9eBS6>)
- Students must submit a cover letter, photograph and current resume as part of their application.
- Applications are due by **June 17, 2022**, but earlier is always better!

Eligibility

- Students of all genders are eligible.
- Students currently attending or recently graduated from university or community colleges may apply.
- Student must describe "why" attending the conference would benefit them professionally or academically in their cover letters.

Sponsorship Details

- The U.S. WIN Student Sponsorship includes the cost of one conference registration; hotel accommodations with double occupancy with another sponsored student, checking in July 24 and checking out July 27; the special event; all meals and receptions hosted by U.S. WIN during the conference; and pairing with a mentor for the duration of the conference.

Additionally, if you would like to volunteer to be a mentor at the conference please apply [here](https://forms.gle/kvjYWxrCBhaTL3qs9) (available directly at <https://forms.gle/kvjYWxrCBhaTL3qs9>)

Most of us can think of people in our lives, more experienced than ourselves, who taught us something new, offered advice, presented a challenge, initiated friendship or simply expressed an interest in our development as a person. They helped us negotiate an unfamiliar path or find an entirely new path to a goal in our academic, career or personal lives. They showed us a world larger than our own, and they stimulated ideas about what we might be able to accomplish.

Conference mentors are an important part of the U.S. WIN Sponsored Student Program. Mentors are industry professionals in a wide variety of fields who have attended at least one previous U.S. WIN conference and is willing to make themselves available to a sponsored student to help navigate the conference and the U.S. WIN experience.

Mentors offer the following:

Information

- Mentors share their knowledge, experience and wisdom.

Contacts/Networking

- Mentors provide valuable opportunities by facilitating networking and career and personal contacts.

Challenges

- Mentors stimulate curiosity and build confidence by presenting new ideas, opportunities and challenges.

Support

- Mentors encourage growth and achievement by providing an open and supportive environment.

Advice

- Mentors guide sponsored students in maximizing their conference experience.

Role Model

- By sharing stories of achievement with students, mentors can become role models.

Getting Started

To get started as a mentor:

- Submit the application [here](https://forms.gle/kvjYWxrCBhaTL3qs9) (available directly at <https://forms.gle/kvjYWxrCBhaTL3qs9>).
- After you receive your student's name and contact information, introduce yourself via email and get to know your student a bit before the beginning of the conference.
- Explore interests with student by asking questions and promoting discussion.
- Once the conference begins, attend the Student and Mentor Orientation where you will meet face-to-face.
- Participate in the Student-Mentor event, and encourage participation in other conference sessions and events.
- There is no prescribed formula for the student/mentor relationship. Just be a friend and make yourself as available; the rest will fall into place.

Some company firewalls may block the linked student and mentor applications. Applications may be completed at home, or if necessary, via email. Please email any questions or concerns to USWINSponsoredStudentandMentor@gmail.com.