



FSF MENTORING PROGRAM

The FSF signature Mentoring Program provides each Scholar in the current Class of FSF and “Post-Modern” Scholarship recipients the opportunity to receive one-on-one career advice and support from a cohort of 600+ professionals. Scholars are thoughtfully paired with industry Mentors to create meaningful and often lifelong connections. FSF Mentors are a diverse group of creative and business professionals, including mid-level to c-suite leaders.

In addition, FSF continues to invest in the future of FSF Alumni who are one to three years post-graduation by pairing Alumni to Mentors. Our Alumni Mentoring Program provides Alums with advice to navigate their careers and help achieve their professional goals.

The FSF Mentoring Program is designed with a minimum of four check-ins between Mentors and Mentees:

February	Mentor/Mentee match is made
March	Mentor/Mentee introductions via email
April/May	One or more Mentor/Mentee Check-In(s)
June 31	Mentors/Mentees provide feedback to FSF
July/ August	One or more Mentor/Mentee Check-In(s)
September	One or more Mentor/Mentee Check-In(s)
October 31	Mentors/Mentees provide feedback to FSF

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can be a Mentee? Mentees include the current Class of **100** FSF Scholars, **30** “Post-Modern” Scholars, and FSF Alumni who are one to three years post-graduation may participate in the FSF Mentoring Program.

How are Mentors matched to Scholars or Alumni? The FSF team matches Mentee and Mentor based on common interests and attributes that are collected in the FSF Mentoring Application that is linked below.

When does the program start? The official start of the Mentoring Program is February 1st. During the months of February and March, the FSF team will introduce Mentors to Mentees via email. The program runs through the end of October and may continue longer if agreed upon by the Mentor and Mentee.

Who initiates the communication between Mentor and Mentee? Following the email introductions, Mentees are expected to reach out to Mentors within ten days to schedule a call or a virtual meeting.

How to prepare for a Mentoring check-in session? To improve the content of the mentoring session, the Mentee is charged with developing a thoughtful agenda for each meeting and to share the agenda with the Mentor in advance of the session.

What should be discussed between the Mentor and Mentee? Mentors are encouraged to share professional development recommendations, career options, and how to conduct a potential job search. Design Mentors may review the Mentee’s portfolio or sketchbook as students enjoy showing their work and they welcome feedback to improve. It is helpful for the Mentor and Mentee to establish specific mentoring goals early in the mentoring sessions that can be measurable and can be attained during the mentoring experience.

If you would like to become a Mentor, please [click here to complete the FSF Mentoring Application](#)

For more information, to volunteer as a Mentor, or to promote opportunities to serve as Mentors, please contact Marie Colletta, Senior Director of Education Programs, at mcolletta@fashionscholarshipfund.org.

The Fashion Scholarship Fund (FSF) is the foremost fashion-oriented education and workforce development nonprofit in the U.S. The FSF works directly with the country’s most talented young students from diverse backgrounds and awards over \$1.4 million each year in scholarships to help these students succeed in all sectors of the industry including design, merchandising, marketing, and business strategy. The FSF also provides scholars with a wide range of internship and career opportunities, mentorship, networking, professional development, and unprecedented access to the industry’s most influential leaders and companies.