Are you looking for a voluntary job that is both relevant to your studies, further develops your skills and makes a difference for new students at ITU?

Then you should read more about ITU's new mentor program, where we are currently recruiting older students who will act as mentors for the new bachelors of 2021 throughout their first year of studies.

The goal is for ITU's new bachelor students to have a good academic start – and giving them an opportunity to receive the support that they may need as a new student at ITU. It is here, that you as our mentor comes into the picture.

You can be on your bachelor’s or have started your master’s - the important thing is just that you can see yourself in a co-creative community with others and have studied/are studying the programme that you want to be a mentor for.

**What do you get out of it?**

Let’s start by listing some of the potentials that the mentor program will give you!

As part of the mentoring program, ITU pays for you to receive a Mentor Education and ongoing sparring on your mentoring work by trained psychologists from the Student Counseling.

The Mentor Training Day takes place on **Tuesday 28 September from 12-15**.

**NB:** It is mandatory to attend the training day.

This means that there is a great focus on competence development of your unique profile.

At the Mentor Training Day and during the Mentor Program, you will sharpen your skills within the following areas - which are relevant to both your current student life and later work life:

- **Project and Team Management:** facilitate the development and learning outcomes for others, as well as conversation management
- **Conversation technique:** the good, exciting and engaging group/individual conversation
- **Process work:** plan, manage and design the mentoring process/own group sessions
- **Communication and argumentation:** efficient, clear and targeted
- **Psychological aspects:** understanding working with motivation, desire to study and well-being

So, you will be more than well-prepared for facilitating the mentor sessions.

You can also obtain a reference from ITU after the mentor program has ended.
What makes a good mentor?
The most important thing as a mentor is that you want to help new students on their way into life as a university student. That you are sincere and accommodating to the challenges you may face as a new student and want to help facilitate good and reflective talks between the new students. In addition, it is also important that you are not afraid to share your own experiences.

The role as a mentor is in many ways unique, as you (in collaboration with the Study Guidance) are given co-responsibility for strengthening other students' study joy and sense of belonging at ITU. It also means that the role as mentor is likely to challenge your own professional foundation and give you a good opportunity to develop your own competencies. Of course, we support you in that process along the way.

What is the framework for the mentor program - how much time do you need to invest?
The mentoring program is a new format, so you can also have an active part in the development of the final format - as older students, you have a good eye for what our new students at ITU need!

The idea is that the mentor sessions will be held as small group sessions, where you will be paired up with a small group of 5-8 students.

During a semester you will have 1-2 meetings with your group, where we in the Study and Career Guidance will either set up a theme, give you an exercise you can work on together or in some other way help you create a good setting for your sessions.

So, the time you must invest will be limited to a handful of hours per semester. In addition, comes education and supervision.

The first mentor meeting is scheduled to take place during week 41.

What is your next step?
If you can see yourself in the role as a mentor, then the next step is that you send us an email (maximum half a page)

You could for example, think about:

- Why you would be a good mentor?
- What do you think a mentoring program can do for new students - and how you can solve the task?
- What could be important topics for a mentoring program?

You send the email to: mcas@itu.dk

Deadline for applying is September 15th.

If you have any questions about the mentor program or for the role as a mentor, then you are more than welcome to send your questions to the same email listed above.