

## NC State MBA Mentor Program

The mentor program was formed to help incoming students make the transition to the MBA program. Mentors can play a key role in helping incoming students feel welcome in a new environment.

Mentor responsibilities include:

- Emailing your mentee(s) to answer any questions (initial email should be sent within one week of receiving your mentees' names)
- Meeting your mentee(s) at the Wolfpack Welcome New Student Event on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006
- Giving your mentee(s) pointers on classes, professors, NC State logistics, etc.
- Giving out of state students advice/assistance with local housing

Some of the best mentoring experiences have occurred when mentors take extra steps to interact with their mentees, particularly prior to the start of fall classes. Examples have included meeting for coffee or drinks, going to the movies, etc. Incoming students are potential friends, so you will get out of this experience what you put into it.

### International Student Mentors

International students and exchange students may need additional help, as they are not only adjusting to a new educational program, but also to an entirely new country and culture! It will require more time and effort on the part of the mentors, but it can make a huge difference for incoming international students.

Some additional responsibilities for international student mentors may include:

- Picking up your mentee(s) at the airport
- Assisting your mentee(s) in finding housing and transportation
- Helping your mentee(s) get assimilated into the local environment (finding a bank, locating shopping and restaurants, etc.)

You may consider inviting your mentees to come to your home for a meal and/or to stay the night while they are looking for housing. While this is not required, incoming students would appreciate this kind of hospitality as they attempt to get adjusted.

### Now What?

Mentors are important to incoming students; therefore, we are only seeking those who are committed to fulfilling their obligations as mentors. It is critical that those who volunteer keep in contact with their mentees. We hope that the result will be a rewarding relationship.

If you decide you would like to be a mentor to 2 or 3 incoming students, please contact [Jennifer.Arthur@ncsu.edu](mailto:Jennifer.Arthur@ncsu.edu). Please include your concentration and preferred email address. Also, please indicate whether or not you are willing to mentor an international student.

Thank you for volunteering to be a mentor.  
You are making a great difference for the next incoming class!