

RACI Mentoring Programme

Applications Open

The advantages and benefits of mentoring are abundantly clear, both for the mentee and the mentor. The Royal Australian Chemical Institute (www.raci.org.au) runs a small mentoring programme concept, with extremely successful results. Both the mentor and the mentees report an extremely positive experience, particularly in job-readiness and tangible outcomes (professional network and job interviews versus other graduates).

The RACI NSW Branch has up to ten spaces available in the 2017 Mentoring Programme for young scientists keen to develop industrial / commercial careers. The programme involves:

- Regular guidance and support (every few weeks), typically via calls and occasional casual meetings.
- Support in developing professional networks, as example through facilitated networking (the mentor generally introducing the mentees to RACI contacts and helping include the young scientists in conversations at RACI events).
- Career support & advice.
- Advice and support throughout the process of finding a first job.

Mentoring is very much a two-way process. To be of full value, the mentee has to be an active participant. As guidance, the ideal mentee will:

- Be energetic and enthusiastic
- Be an undergraduate student, preferably in your final year of the chemical sciences
- Be more oriented to an industrial / commercial career rather than academia
- Actively participate in the mentoring process
- Participate in occasional networking events
- Be eligible for membership of the RACI

You don't need to be the top student in your class. You just need to want a good start into your career, and be willing to put in the effort to achieve that.

As this mentorship is intended to assist you through to your first career role, you must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident to apply. You also need to become a student member of the RACI.

To apply for the mentorship opportunity, please send your resume and a cover letter introducing yourself and your goals to Pam Chantrell at NSW Branch office raci-nsw@raci.org.au.