



Qld Chapter Mentor Program FAQ's

The Queensland Chapter Mentor Program provides third-year architecture students the opportunity to informally meet once a month with a practicing architect. It is designed to help students gain insight into practice life, understand current workforce expectations, and translate what is covered in the university syllabus into real life practice.

The Mentor Program aims to provide Students:

- Contact with the architectural profession and the broader building industry.
- A glimpse 'behind-the-scenes' with architects in the profession (including a site visit if possible).
- First-hand experience of seeing an architectural firm at work and project stages in practice.
- A new perspective on practice for those students already working at another practice.

How does it work?

- Students and mentors express their interest in the Mentor Program.
- A Mentor/Student group match is made following a Program Launch Night (held mid-March)
- Monthly mentor group meetings are coordinated by a nominated Student Group Organiser.
- Student groups meet with mentors for at least an hour at least once a month (usually April- Nov).
- Informal discussions relate to the profession and practice of architecture.
- Architects can claim informal CPD for participation as Mentors.

Who can participate?

- Architects in any size/type practice (at least one architect involved must be a Member of the Australian Institute of Architects).
- Only SONA members (university student members of the Australian Institute of Architects) can participate in the Mentor Program.
- SONA members can be either part-time or full-time students enrolled in a recognised Queensland university architectural course (Bond, Griffith, QUT, UQ).
- SONA members who already work in practice are welcome to participate.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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