



USNC MENTORING

The USNC Professional Mentoring Program gives the opportunity for new and experienced members of the standards and conformity assessment fields to pair up as protégés or mentors and focus on a range of career development goals. Protégés can enhance their knowledge and skills around standards and conformity assessment utilizing the guidance of experienced standards and conformity assessment professionals. Protégés can seek advice on various questions and topics ranging from macro level structural questions to more pointed process and personnel related issues. Mentors can share their extensive wisdom and experience and develop the next generation of USNC professionals.

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Who is it for?

The program welcomes professionals in the United States who would like to receive input, guidance, and knowledge relevant to standards and conformity assessment. These protégés may be very new to a standards and conformity assessment position, or experienced professionals accepting a new or unfamiliar role. Protégés of any experience level may benefit from others who have previous experience in these roles.

Mentors can be anyone in standards and conformity assessment who are willing to share their knowledge and experiences. Mentors are welcome with any of a wide range of experiences, such as drafting standards, understanding the IEC standards development process, navigating technical committees, putting forth the US position, or alignment to the US Strategic Plan.

An effort is made to try to pair protégés and mentors in similar technical areas. Pairings can also be made with those seeking general input and guidance.

Time Commitment

Applications to the USNC Mentoring Program are made available in the summer. The formal mentoring program beginning in the fall and runs through the following summer. As mentors and protégés are paired, they discuss and agree on how frequently they would like to meet. The recommendation is to meet once a month for at least one hour, with the protégé setting up the meetings and driving the desired discussion topics.

Why participate?

The United States has long enjoyed a leadership role in the global IEC community. As a result, we have an abundance of people with knowledge and experience that can be shared to help support the continuation of our work in both standards and conformity assessment. The mentoring program taps into this wide network to support the growth of future professionals who may become experts, delegates, or leaders in both US and international roles over the coming years.

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