

Mentoring Program Application

Program Information

The USNC professional mentoring program is intended to be an opportunity for emerging standards professionals to enter into a one-on-one relationship with a more experienced member of the USNC community for the purpose of retention, development and overall success.

Whereas training is typically a significant volume of information passed from one to many, mentoring is a partnership in which two individuals set their own agenda, and the mentor provides guidance to the protégé in order to assist in achieving the latter's goals. A mentoring program would foster the growth of emerging standards and conformity assessment professionals and enable them to be successful in their endeavors, whether their goals are to take on leadership roles in US or International programs or to be successful contributing experts or delegates. The mentoring program can be seen as a way to retain new standards and conformity assessment professionals and as a means of filling the pipeline for future leaders in the USNC.

Time Commitment

The program will span the full academic year. Program participants are asked to hold monthly calls with your mentor or protégé, however time spent shall not exceed five hours per month. There will be a program kick-off as well as two formal check-in with program administrators, one around the mid-point and one as the program wraps-up.

Application Questions

We're thrilled you're interested in participating in our program! In order to better pair you, please provide us with some general information about your professional experience.

How can we reach you?

1. Please tell us your name:
2. What is your preferred email address?
3. Best phone number to reach you:
4. Which time zone are you in?:

Tell us about your professional experience.

4. Who is your employer?
5. What is your job title?
6. How long have you been involved with standards and/or conformity assessment work?

7. What is your current involvement?

Standards (Please note what percentage of your work is related to standards:	%)
Conformity Assessment (Please note what percentage of your work is related to CA:	%)
Both (Please provide the percentage breakdown. Standards:	% CA: %)

8. Which industry do you work in?

Test Lab
Manufacturer
SDO
Other:

8. Please describe your involvement with the USNC and standards in general. (List any TAG memberships, IEC roles, and activity within the USNC, etc.)

Share Your Interest in the Professional Mentorship Program.

9. Are you interested in participating in this program as a:

Mentor
Protégé
Both

Why are you interested in the USNC Mentoring Program?

10. (FOR PROTÉGÉS ONLY) In which area(s) do you most want mentorship?

Career Advice
Understanding and navigating the organization and people
Working through specific standard committee/working group
Gaining Domain/industry expertise
Growth and participation opportunities
Other (please explain):

Please share any other details relevant to your interest in the program:

11. (FOR MENTORS ONLY) In which area(s) are you able to provide mentoring?

Career Advice
Understanding and navigating the organization and people
Working through specific standard committee/working group
Gaining Domain/industry expertise
Growth and participation opportunities
Other (please explain):

Comments:

Pilot Program: USNC TAG Mentorship Program

The USNC's TAG Mentorship program is aiming at providing emerging standards professionals with a pathway to become active contributors and future leaders within the U.S. and international standards community. Through mentorship and guided participation, emerging standards professionals will be paired with experienced U.S. Technical Advisory Group (TAG) members to gain firsthand exposure to committee activities, technical discussions, and leadership responsibilities.

The program is designed to support knowledge transfer and succession planning as experienced experts transition out of committee roles. Participants will have opportunities to observe committee work, build relationships with industry leaders, and explore future technical or leadership positions that align with their interests and expertise.

*Please note that we are unable to guarantee specific TAG placements.

Interest Questions:

1. Are you interested in participating in a the new TAG mentorship pilot program?
Yes
No
Maybe in the future
2. Please provide the standards, industry, or specific TAG that interests you:
3. What is your participation preference?
TAG Mentoring
Professional Mentoring
Participate in both programs

Please share your supervisor's contact information below.

Note: USNC will contact program participants' supervisors for recognition purposes only.

Confirm you have discussed this program with your supervisor:

Supervisor Name:

Supervisor Email:

Please submit your application to Mack Connors (maconnors@ansi.org)