

JOB SHADOWING PROGRAM

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The Job Shadowing Program gives UChicago alumni, family, and friends the opportunity to support the professional development of current students by hosting them in their place of work for 1-5 days during the College's break periods. The specific activities involved in a job shadowing experience vary between host sites, but essentially, any activity that gives the student a tangible sense of daily life in your field is suitable for the job shadowing experience.

WHAT CAN I HAVE STUDENTS DO?

START BY...

- Giving a tour of the facility
- Providing an overview of the company's operations, staff divisions, etc.
- Sharing your personal career history

NEXT, SHOW THEM A "DAY IN THE LIFE" IN YOUR INDUSTRY...

- Assign the student(s) an interactive technical project to simulate your own day-to-day work
- Provide a short introduction to coding and programming
- Show the student(s) some past projects you have worked on
- Arrange for the student(s) to shadow a variety of tech roles at your company (i.e. software engineers, data scientists, etc.)
 - Engineers can provide brief overviews of the work they do and their technical background

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING...

“I found the experience both very rewarding and enjoyable. It gave me some much needed exposure to both the world of software development and the world of startups - knowledge which I have no doubt will be of much use down the line.”

OTHER IDEAS...

- Invite the student to observe meetings, conference calls, and other daily activities
- Resume/LinkedIn profile review
- Provide interviewing tips
- Discuss the student's career interests and questions
- Organize an informational interview for the student



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