

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 organization's operations, staff divisions
- Sharing your personal career history

NEXT, SHOW THEM A "DAY IN THE LIFE" IN FINANCIAL SERVICES...

- Conduct interactive micro-projects with the student to simulate the kind of work done in the financial services industry:
 - Provide a crash course in evaluating potential hedge fund investors and identifying suitable funds
 - Assign industries and specific sets of companies for the student(s) to research
 - Have the student(s) prepare for a debate regarding key financial news
- Provide a lesson on a finance-related subject or current event
- Bring the student(s) to the trading floor

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING...

It is the kind of specific exposure that makes this program so special. No other program offers an opportunity to learn so much about your industry of interest in such a short amount of time. I had an extremely productive and enjoyable week at my host company, and thanks to my hosts, I now have a much better grasp of fixed-income investing and finance as a whole.

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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