

To Chicago Booth Students,

In 2010, the Polsky Center launched its Entrepreneurs Mentorship Program to connect Chicago Booth students with entrepreneurial alumni, offer a unique educational experience, and help students prepare for entrepreneurial jobs in the future. Many of the mentor relationships have continued over time, and we are looking forward to starting the third iteration of the program this spring.

The 2012 Mentorship Program is slated to run from March-June, with a reception taking place at Gleacher so that mentors and students may co-mingle. The commitment is minimal—approximately one hour per month with your mentor. **You will be responsible for setting up meetings with your mentor and planning the agenda.** This opportunity is available to all students who wish to pursue entrepreneurship at some point in their career and are seeking specific industry or functional expertise. [The program is open to Booth first and second years, as well as full-time, part-time, and XP students.](#)

If you are interested in participating, please submit [this application](#) and send a copy of your current resume to Hannah Williams, Program Manager of the Polsky Center ([Hannah.Williams@chicagobooth.edu](mailto:Hannah.Williams@chicagobooth.edu)) by **February 17, 2012**. We will accommodate as many students as possible based on alumni availability and interest – [please note, though, that we may not be able to accommodate all students who apply.](#) We'll try to match you with a mentor who is working in an industry or function similar to your career interests; however, it is very unlikely we will be able to match you with someone working in both the industry and functional area you are most interested in. You should not expect or ask your mentor to help you with recruiting at their company.

We will generate the pairings and send you information on your mentor before the start of the spring quarter. Please review the following information for the Mentorship Program. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

#### **Guidelines and Expectations**

- You will be available to meet with your mentor approximately once per month for one hour, either in person (preferable) or by phone.
- You are responsible for setting up meetings and planning the agenda.
- You will not ask for nor expect a job from your mentorship.
- No matching process is perfect—you and your mentor may have different personality types and interests.
- You should be prepared to maintain the relationship with your mentor from January through June, and beyond if you so choose.
- You will be asked to complete an evaluation form at the end of the program.

#### **Schedule**

- February 17 – Deadline to apply.
- Spring Break Week – Mentees receive information on their mentor. Please inform the Polsky Center of any conflicts or concerns.
- Mid-March – Student mentees contact their mentors.
- Early June – Formal mentor relationship ends.