

CSIR Entrepreneurship Development Programme – Call for Mentors

Dear Alumni,

Following the successful previous cycle of the programme, in which 50 CSIR alumni signed up as mentors, we are now looking for volunteer mentors for the next cycle. The CSIR implements the Entrepreneurship Development Programme under its Corporate Social Investment (CSI). Volunteer mentors for the CSIR Entrepreneurship Development Programme are required for a period of eight months.

Eligibility:

- We are seeking mentors who are passionate about the work that the CSIR does and are interested in contributing to the development of skills and experience within the organisation;
- Mentors will support mentees, who are aspiring young entrepreneurs, in learning and developing the required skills through the CSIR Entrepreneurship Development Programme;
- No previous volunteer experience or formal qualifications in mentorship are required, as support and training will be provided. However, there is a limited number of volunteer roles available, and mentors will be assigned roles based on the specific mentorship needs of the mentees; and
- Mentors should be willing to allocate their time for mentoring, training, and supporting an entrepreneur in the programme.

As a mentor, you will have the opportunity to:

- Further develop your leadership skills;
- Reflect on your career direction;
- Gain insights and share perspectives;
- Contribute to the development of professionals and entrepreneurs within the National System of Innovation;
- Improve the management, leadership and communication skills of mentees;
- Expand your professional networks;
- Transfer essential skills and knowledge while providing practical support for application; and
- Gain insight into real-world situations and office practices.

How does it work?

- Both mentors and mentees participate in the final selection process;
- The CSIR will provide programme support through orientation webinars and guidance; and
- If you would like to volunteer as a mentor, please complete the mentorship form: [mentorship form to complete](#).

Closing date: Friday, 17 January 2025

Kind Regards,

CSIR CSI Team