



CPD

CAREER & PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT

# CPD Mentorship Program

## Application Guide

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Career and Professional Development Mentorship Program! Below you will find tips for submitting a well-developed and thoughtful google form application.

**Note:** Applications will be submitted via Google Forms found [HERE](#). Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Before submitting an application, please make sure you have read the [Mentorship Overview](#) and are familiar with the structure, eligibility requirements, and components of the program.

## Application Requirements - Docs & Links

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Student applications must clearly state defined professional goals for the mentorship program. A complete application must include a developed portfolio with current work that supports those goals. For most undergraduate students, this will require a full year of completed coursework at ArtCenter.

### Resume

You will be asked to upload your most up-to-date resume. CPD uses this information to learn more about you and your experiences.

Use our [Resume Writing Resources](#) to assist you in either developing your first resume or revising an existing one. You may also have your resume reviewed by a staff member in CPD prior to submitting your application.

### Portfolio Website

You will be asked to provide a URL to your portfolio website showcasing your most relevant, up-to-date work. This will help CPD appropriately match you with an industry professional.

While portfolio websites are preferred, websites like Behance and Artstation will be accepted. PDF portfolios will not be accepted.

Use our [Portfolio Website resource](#) to assist you in either developing your first website or refreshing your current one.

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# Application Essay Questions

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You will be asked to answer each of these questions separately in the google form application. Please take time to review each question and answer thoroughly. Responses in this section are weighed heavily in the acceptance process and also allow our team to properly match you with a mentor.

1.

In 100 words or less, provide a professional bio or artist statement. This should be brief and the statement should include information about yourself and the work you make, future career goals, and goals for the mentorship program etc.

***If accepted into the program, we will use this to bio to introduce you to your mentor. For assistance in writing your professional bio view our resource [here](#).***

2.

Tell us more about yourself. What are your interests, both personal and professional? What type of work do you want to do? What art or design experiences have you had, either in your field or in another area?

***This statement should share new information outside of your professional bio. It should contain personal and professional interests and it should connect how your interests have influenced your creative process.***

3.

What are your goals for the CPD Mentorship Program? How will the program benefit your growth and development as an Artist/Designer.

***This statement should provide specific examples of how the program will promote growth and explain how a mentor will help you achieve your goals beyond technical and artistic skills.***

4.

What gap(s) do you perceive in your professional development and how do you think the Mentorship Program might help you to address those gaps?

***This statement should give specific examples of how the program will help you build skills necessary for your creative career that are not addressed in the studio classroom.***

5.

A mentor can be many things. How do you define what a mentor is? Be specific.

***This statement should share examples of traits and skills of your ideal mentor. Explain how these traits and skills will help you grow and develop as an Artist/Designer.***

## Mentor Preferences

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As part of the application process, you will be asked to provide information about your preferred mentors. This information is used to help us create your match. You will be asked to list companies where your mentor might work as well as a short list of creative professionals you would be interested in being mentored by.

Do research prior to completing this section. While you may have a very clear idea of your future mentor's industry, company, or role, we encourage you to be open to wider areas and to consider the goals you wish to complete in this program.

*Please note that CPD cannot promise to match successful applicants with a mentor from your list but we will take their specific skillsets and profiles into consideration when looking for matches.*

## To Apply

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Are you ready to apply? Complete the application google form found [HERE](#).

## Questions or Support

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Reach out to Career & Professional Development for questions or help with your application

Email	Book an Advising Appointment
<a href="mailto:careers@artcenter.edu">careers@artcenter.edu</a>	<a href="#">Visit ArtCenter Connect</a>

**We hope to see your application soon!**