

ACERS Student Mentor Program

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The **ACerS Student Mentor Program** is designed to equip student leaders in materials science with the insight, tools and connections necessary to make a lasting impact in their future career.

If you are a **student seeking to gain technical expertise** in your field of study, professional development skills, practical advice, encouragement or support, then please consider applying for the program.

Space is limited! Sign up early to ensure a spot in this year's program.

If you have been **successful in your materials science career** and are seeking to give back in any of these areas, then please consider applying to be a mentor. You will be leaving a lasting impact on an amazing materials science student!

"I loved the phone calls with my mentee. We connected with each other on the first phone call. The framework of each monthly email was great to initially direct and structure our discussions however we rarely needed them. It was mostly the two of us riffing and having conversations around items that were on my mentee's mind. Sometimes the topics were pressing and sometimes exploratory but regardless I was able to share my experiences and methods that worked for me in the past as well as what I do presently. I hope it is a relationship that continues well into the future throughout both of our professional lives." - Jorgen Rufner

"My mentor, Jorgen, helped me with so many things during my first year of graduate school! He gave me great advice on figure-making when I was preparing to give my first seminar on my research and technical communication when I travelled internationally to Japan with my research group. He also opened my eyes to what it is like transitioning from working at a large company to a smaller one and the pros and cons of each type of job. We have very similar personalities and were able to relate to each other in so many ways! Getting to meet in person at MS&T was the icing on the cake of a wonderful mentorship program! I'm looking forward to keeping in touch with him throughout my time in graduate school and my future career!" - Victoria Christensen



ACerS Student Mentor Program participants:
Jorgen Rufner and Victoria Christensen

Visit www.ceramics.org/mentorship for more details and to sign up to be a mentor or mentee with the ACerS Student Mentor Program!