Sourcing Your Own Mentor

Sourcing your own mentor is a great way to guarantee a mentor and practise your networking skills…

• Look at your personal/professional network
• LinkedIn Research
• Ask your network for help (talk to academics, student clubs etc)
• Contacts from work experience or employment
Sourcing Your Own Mentor - LinkedIn

**Step 1:** Start with a polished professional LinkedIn profile. (Careers Services can help)

**Step 2:** Explore LinkedIn for professionals you would like to contact
- Search graduates of QUT
- Search more widely

**Benefits:**
- Search for people who have done your course
- Search by a particular job title
- Search for people who have your ideal job
- Identify specific organisations you may want to work for in the future
- Discover relevant groups or organisations to follow.
Sourcing Your Own Mentor – Making Contact

Top tips for making contact:
1. Explain why you’re reaching out to them in particular. Whether it’s because they’re doing the type of work you want to do, you admire a particular project they worked on, they went to your school etc.,
2. Include 2 or 3 specific, thoughtful questions in the initial message
3. Make sure that the questions you’re asking aren’t ones that you could find the answer to yourself with a bit of research.
4. Outline that QUT have a Career Mentor Scheme and would they be interested in participating as your mentor – send a link to the website.
5. Offer to make it as easy for them as possible
6. Thank them, in a real way.
7. If you don’t get a response – don’t give up.

If you self source your mentor – email us with their detail or send them the registration form.