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### **Overview of Travel Industry Mentor Experience – TIME**

#### The purpose and vision of TIME is:

"To provide knowledge, guidance and advice to aspiring individuals within the Travel and Tourism industry allowing them to advance and grow their career."

Targeting aspiring, mid-level management individuals who have three years or more experience in the travel and tourism industry, the aim of TIME is to offer development guidance, business skills and support sessions within a formal mentoring and peer collaboration environment.

Research tells us that the best employees are attracted to and stay within an industry, company or organisation that offers them career development.

By inviting the best and brightest to envision the work or job they would love to be doing and providing guidance, knowledge and expertise from an experienced mentor, TIME is instrumental in helping them achieve that advancement.

The TIME programme has become embedded in the development plans of many of Australia's largest travel companies and has successfully graduated over 120 mentees since 2009.

#### Why be a Mentor?

Mentoring is a relationship which gives people the opportunity to share their professional and personal skills and experiences in a structured and professional way.

You'll be surprised at how much you, as a mentor, will gain from the experience.

- You have the potential to change someone's life
- You will help support valuable talent to stay within the travel industry
- It can reinforce the business and life lessons you've learnt
- It can connect you with other areas of the industry
- It helps set the tone for a collaborative and supportive travel industry

"The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches but to reveal to him his own." *Benjamin Disraeli*.





#### The Programme

The TIME programme offers a one to one relationship based on encouragement, openness, mutual trust, respect and a willingness to learn and share.

One of the keys to successful mentoring is matching the mentee with a mentor who has the relevant skills and experience to meet the needs and objectives of the mentee.

To assist in this process, we ask that prospective mentors complete an Expression of Interest (EOI) form for review and approval by the TIME Committee.

Mentees are then matched with a suitable mentor, based on the **criteria contained in these EOI** Forms, (completed by both mentee and mentor), **the** mentee's programme objectives and the mentor's skill set and experience. As suitable mentors are found for each mentee, the mentors are contacted to ensure they're available for the relevant intake.

All participants, mentors and mentees will be contacted to ensure they feel comfortable with their match. The Programme Coordinator (Secretariat) will be available throughout the programme to assist both mentors and mentees.

#### **Programme Length and Inclusions:**

- A 6 month programme;
- 12 sessions/meetings of approximately 2 hours duration;
- Time and place of meeting to be mutually agreed between mentee and mentor'
- Networking evenings with guest speakers;

#### **Induction Workshop and First Meeting (2 hours)**

The first meeting is an important meeting where mentors and mentees get to know the background of each other and discuss how best to work together.

The mentee will complete a NICE analysis document, outlining their strengths and weaknesses in various business and management skills. This will be sent to the mentor prior to the first meeting and will provide some or all of the framework to establish programme objectives for the mentee.

#### Final Meeting and Graduation:

Your final meeting, held before the Graduation ceremony, will review the objectives and achievements of the previous sessions.

The Graduation Evening provides congratulation and recognition for both mentees and mentors at the conclusion of their programme through:

• 2-3 minute speech by each mentee;





Presentation of certificates:

#### **Graduation Ceremonies and Networking Evenings 2017/2018**

New mentees will be inducted into the programme during the year but will graduate at one of the five Graduation Ceremonies held during the year.

**Graduation dates: Programme Number** Intake Dates: **Programme 26** 26 April 2017 25 October 2017 **Programme 27** 28 June 2017 **07 February 2018 Programme 28** 06 September 2017 02 May 2018 Programme 29 **07 February 2018** 05 September 2018 24 October 2018 Programme 30 2 May 2018 **Programme 31** 20 June 2018 February 2019

#### **Networking and Graduation Events 2017/2018**

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#### **TIME Conditions and Requirements**

#### **Networking Evenings**

TIME invites all mentors to attend Networking evenings, however it is not a requirement. - except for the Induction and Graduation Evenings

#### **Induction Workshop**

All prospective Mentees and Mentors must attend their Induction workshop prior to commencing on the Programme

#### Airfares & Accommodation for Interstate Mentors

The cost of airfares and accommodation for interstate mentors will be borne by the mentor

#### **Expenses**





Some out of pocket expenses will be incurred during the length of the programme and these are to be borne by the mentor.

#### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

#### What about confidentiality?

Confidentiality is essential to enable the mentee to be open and ensure the kind of genuine relationship necessary for success. Both mentor and mentee sign a Confidentiality Agreement before programme commencement. Confidentiality ground rules are that nothing can be discussed outside the relationship without the other party's agreement (aside from legal obligations). A code of practice for mentoring will also be made available.

#### Are mentors paid?

The role of the mentor is voluntary however by mentors showcasing and sharing their entrepreneurial experience, mentors will find this an invaluable experience - which will provide many unexpected gains personally and in business.

#### Will I be matched immediately following acceptance as a mentor?

As one of the keys to the success of TIME has been the matching of mentees with the "right" mentor, you may not be asked to mentor until the right mentee match enters the programme.

What if I am asked to mentor but my changes to my commitments won't allow the time? The Programme Coordinator will check your availability with you before matches are finalised.

#### Will I be matched with a mentee in my city?

Whilst the committee will endeavour to match a mentee with a mentor in the same town or city it is not always possible due to the requirements of the mentee and the specific expertise of the relevant mentor. This will be discussed with each party prior to finalising the mentorship.

#### What happens after the mentoring pairs are matched and each party advised?

There will be a formal induction (per listed "Intake Dates"). This is preceded by an initial workshop and meeting with your mentee. The formal conclusion of the relationship will be after six months. Informal extension of the relationship is up to both the mentee and mentor.

#### What if a mentoring relationship doesn't work out?

To date, TIME has been extremely successful in matching mentees and mentors, however, we do understand that not all relationships will necessarily be successful. If a mentor or mentee wishes to end the relationship prior to the formal conclusion of the programme, the Programme Coordinator will seek feedback to assist in reassignment where relevant.

#### What's the difference between mentoring & coaching?





While coaching and mentoring share a range of techniques, mentoring provides career guidance and longer-term support, as opposed to the relatively short-term and performance-related purpose of coaching. They are synergistic and complementary.

#### What's the role of a mentor versus a manager?

Mentoring is not intended to replace the role of the manager. Whilst the manager is responsible for setting work goals and ensuring they are achieved, the mentor focuses on overall career development support.

Send this section – pages 7 to 13 and a Photo of yourself to: TIME Secretariat:

time@travelindustrymentor.com.au

#### **Expression of Interest – Mentor**

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