

MentorVista, has recently been launched by the Careers & Employability Service at Staffordshire University. From September, the scheme will give students the opportunity to enhance their employability with the support of a professional mentor. Mentors can come from any job sector and may be employed, self-employed, retired or taking a career break. They can offer support to their mentee(s) either by e-mail, telephone or face-to-face meetings, or a combination of all three, depending on their availability and preferences. Mentors should be able to commit to a minimum of 1 hour per fortnight spent in communications over a period of at least 4-6 months. We aim to build up a large bank of mentors by September, so that we can support as many students as possible. I wondered if you could help us by promoting the scheme to your network of placement providers who may be interested in the scheme (perhaps as a means of recruiting talented students for placements!) by passing on this e-mail and the attached information.

To find out more about the **MentorVista** programme and the benefits to mentors, see the attached FAQs for mentors, and to register interest in mentoring colleagues can go to www.staffs.ac.uk/mentorvista and take a minute to fill in a simple, initial registration form. If you or your contacts have any further questions about the scheme which aren't answered here or you just want to talk through possibilities, please contact either myself on 4926 or e-mail: h.c.pownall@staffs.ac.uk or Cheryl Williams on 4991 or e-mail: c.williams@staffs.ac.uk.