

JOB SHADOWING PROGRAM

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The Job Shadowing Program gives UChicago alumni, family, and friends the opportunity to support the professional development of current students by hosting them in their place of work for 1-5 days during the College's break periods. The specific activities involved in a job shadowing experience vary between host sites, but essentially, any activity that gives the student a tangible sense of daily life in your field is suitable for the job shadowing experience.

WHAT CAN I HAVE STUDENTS DO?

START BY...

- Giving a tour of the facility
- Providing an overview of the organization's operations and staff divisions
- Sharing your personal career history

NEXT, SHOW THEM A "DAY IN THE LIFE" OF A CONSULTANT...

- Conduct an **interactive mini consulting project** with the student(s) to simulate the life cycle of a consulting project
 - "Client X needs help developing a growth strategy...", "Research presented in exhibits A, B, C shows ...". "Based on this data, how should the client approach this problem?"
 - Have students present their research findings and final recommendations to you and your colleagues
 - Provide constructive feedback to the student(s)
- Walk the student through case interviewing process and market sizing process
 - Conduct a mock interview
- Share some examples of previous projects and cases

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING...

Overall, this was an extremely valuable day. Not only did I gain a lot of knowledge through the job shadowing experience, about possible future job opportunities, and valuable experience working on a project, but I believe I gained some important contacts, whose offers of future advice and assistance made me proud to be a Maroon.

OTHER IDEAS...

- Invite the student to observe meetings, conference calls, and other daily activities
- Resume/LinkedIn profile review
- Provide interviewing tips
- Discuss the student's career interests and questions
- Organize an informational interview for the student



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