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 company’s operations, staff divisions, etc.
- Sharing your personal career history

**NEXT, SHOW THEM A “DAY IN THE LIFE” IN YOUR INDUSTRY...**
- Assign the student(s) an interactive technical project to simulate your own day-to-day work
- Provide a short introduction to coding and programming
- Show the student(s) some past projects you have worked on
- Arrange for the student(s) to shadow a variety of tech roles at your company (i.e. software engineers, data scientists, etc.)
  - Engineers can provide brief overviews of the work they do and their technical background

**WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING...**

I found the experience both very rewarding and enjoyable. It gave me some much needed exposure to both the world of software development and the world of startups - knowledge which I have no doubt will be of much use down the line.

**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