The Alumni Board 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