



# The Mentoring Program 2004-2005

The mentoring program will pair STC members with UCF technical writing students based on their stated goals and particular areas of expertise. The mission of the mentoring program is to provide a structured approach by which mentors from the Orlando Chapter provide one-on-one assistance to student mentees, helping them establish themselves successfully as technical communicators. The program will span two semesters.

## Chapter Benefits

### Mentor Benefits

- ✓ Gain personal satisfaction from helping others discover their potential
- ✓ Enhance coaching, feedback, and leadership skills
- ✓ Gain exposure to new perspectives from the mentee
- ✓ Expand professional networks

- Strengthen the local technical writing community
- Stabilize student STC membership
- Attract mentees as potential long-term STC members after graduation
- Generate positive word-of-mouth advertisement for the chapter
- Promote STC as a professional networking society
- Help the chapter execute educational outreach initiatives at the high school and college level
- Strengthen and expand the relationship between UCF and STC
- Increase attendance at STC chapter meetings.
- Identify and develop potential new chapter leaders.

### Mentee Benefits

- ✓ Develop networks
- ✓ Receive career guidance
- ✓ Increase their visibility
- ✓ Learn to adapt to changing professional and organizational circumstances
- ✓ Develop or enhance skills needed to move forward in their careers

## Eligibility

### Mentor Qualifications

- Current member of the Orlando Chapter of STC.
- At least 3 years' professional experience in technical communication (exceptions can be made if circumstances warrant).

### Mentee Qualifications

- Current member of the Orlando Chapter of STC and a member of FTC.
- Currently enrolled in the University of Central Florida's technical writing program, at either an undergraduate or a graduate level, or a recent graduate of that program (within six months).

If you are interested in participating in the mentoring program, please visit [www.stc-orlando.org/education/mentor/mentor.asp](http://www.stc-orlando.org/education/mentor/mentor.asp) for details and instructions.

You can download a writable .doc file for the application and simply e-mail it to Jen Selix at [futuretek2004@hotmail.com](mailto:futuretek2004@hotmail.com) (mentees) or Gail Lippincott at [glippincott@earthlink.net](mailto:glippincott@earthlink.net) (mentors). The deadline for applications is 9/17/04.