

# NIUNEXUS

ALUMNI VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY

## University Honors Job Shadow Program

### Program Overview:

Think a current NIU student would benefit from learning what a day in the life of your career might be like? Interested in providing a hands-on experience for students to learn about what you do every day? Sign up for the University Honors Job Shadow Program and provide current NIU Honors students with the opportunity to test drive a day in your career, either virtually or in-person.

It's simple to participate. All you need to apply is the willingness to host a student and to create a half or full-day itinerary designed to expose students to key activities in your career. The goal of this program is to connect current students to real world job experiences, which will better prepare them to choose a career path when they graduate from NIU. Those who participate in this program not only play an integral role in helping students identify their desired career path, but also have the opportunity to build long-term relationships with NIU's top students. Students will range from freshmen to seniors and their experience with your field will vary from introduction to strong interest.

Host applications will be accepted until October 15<sup>th</sup> and student/host matches will be made based on student interests and available opportunities. We will do our best to place a student at all sites, but matches may not be made for all applicants.

### Benefits:

- Assist NIU students in determining an optimal career path
- Ability to create professional/mentoring relationship with student(s) who desire career in your (or related) field
- Connect with NIU community in manner that elevates students' educational experiences

### Requirements:

- Create a meaningful experience which introduces NIU students to your career field
- Complete application, online training, and complete activity assessments
- Host job shadower for one full work-day, one half-day or two half-days between February - April
- Located within 75 miles of NIU or student's home for in person job shadow activities

### Timeline:

- Alumni Recruitment (Sept. 1 – Oct. 15)
- Students Apply (Oct. 25 – Nov. 8)
- Alumni Training (Nov. 2, 2021)
- Student Training (November 2021)
- Matches Announced\* (November/December)
- Job Shadow Host/Student Kickoff (Jan. 20 at 6pm)
- Experiences Occur (February - April)

Please contact Liz McKee M.S.Ed. "14, Director of Alumni Volunteer Engagement, at [Lmckee1@niu.edu](mailto:Lmckee1@niu.edu) or (815) 753 – 7400 with any questions.

*\*Please note that although our desire is to match each applicant with a student, this is not always possible. Those who do not receive a match will be notified.*



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