



September – while finals footy is still a ways off, at least the annual debate on timing for tomato planting has continued unabated! This month is all about engaging our November cohort for placements, getting involved in mentoring, and a fun B2B networking opportunity.

The key topics:

1. [November cohort for placements](#)
2. [Business Career Mentoring Program](#)
3. [Networking – try 'Coffee with PK'](#)

### **November cohort for placements**

As most of you are aware, we've got two ways of engaging our November cohort, **both** of which require a Project Brief which needs to be to me by next Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. First time hosts can download one of our easy to use template examples from the website, returning hosts send me through a Project Scope by email.

We'll be advertising opportunities the week of 28<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October. At this stage we have circa 70 students seeking placements across most discipline areas. November placements are anticipated to commence on or after 23<sup>rd</sup> November (after exams).

To complement this, you may want to participate in our Industry to Student Virtual Speed-Networking Event. The premise of these is simple – We will connect you with as many of our eager students as possible, with a view to building relationships that form into internships.

When: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

Time: Login and pre-briefing 8:30am; Speed networking 9:00-10:30am

#### What do I need to prepare?

You will need to have a 1-minute pitch that briefly introduces you, the organisation, and the projects/activities you are keen to discuss. The students will have a 30-second pitch introducing themselves. This will leave you approximately 4 minutes to chat further.

#### Is there a limit on numbers?

We will actually have 3 x Zooms running concurrently to give us 150 breakout rooms. We'll look to accommodate as many Industry Partners as possible so if there's more than one person from an organisation we may need to pair people up – we'll know this when registrations close early Monday.

If you've already registered there's nothing more to do otherwise:

[Register via Eventbrite here](#)

### **Business Career Mentoring Program**

I've had a few enquiries of late about other ways to get involved with students so wanted to highlight our Business Career Mentor Program. This is an innovative scheme that pairs students (and recent graduates) with experienced business professionals to enhance employability and leadership skills. We have mentors and students based locally, interstate and internationally and are able to facilitate face-to-face as well as online mentoring relationships.

For more information, [check out the website](#) or email [businesscareers@unisa.edu.au](mailto:businesscareers@unisa.edu.au).

### **Networking – try 'Coffee with PK'**

PK (aka Paul Kitching) has a passion for bringing people together and wasn't going to let a lockdown stand in the way hence Coffee with Pk was born. He's still running it 3 days/week from 10:30-11:15am and it's a great way to connect with some new people over coffee without having to leave your desk!

For more information or to register, [check out the website](#).

As always, thank you for taking time to engage with this newsletter. I hope you are having a great week and look forward to speaking with you soon.

Best Regards,

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