

A mentorship programme is available for a new landscape designer to shadow an existing and established designer in the field. The process is a sharing of information to a new designer and to help them learn the ropes in the Industry.

FAQ's on Mentorships

1. **Who can apply for a mentorship?**
Any students who have qualified and have received their City & Guilds qualifications. Students need to be paid members of LGDA.
2. **Where do you apply?**
Contact the College for more information.
3. **How long is the mentorship?**
Normally a 4 week process but this can be flexible.
4. **Do you get paid?**
No. As the landscaper is sharing information with you that they have learnt over the years you will unfortunately not be paid. There are no reimbursements for doing a mentorship.
5. **Will I be asked to physically help in installations?**
Yes.
6. **Will this be hard and difficult?**
Yes.
7. **Will I learn anything?**
As with anything what you put into is what you will take out of it.

Pointers to students doing mentorships:

- This is a great opportunity to learn from a designer who has learnt lots of the pit falls over the years. Do not abuse it.
- Absorb all the information that you can get in the period.
- Be grateful that someone is so open to allowing you to see the workings of their business and to share confidential information with you. This rarely happens in other Industries.
- Any confidential information that you have access to during the mentorship may not be discussed or used outside of the company that you are doing the mentorship with.
- The mentor reserves the right to restrict access to certain areas of their business.
- Build a strong relationship with your mentor they could be your best asset for your own business.
- Ask questions the information will not be handed to you on a tray. You will need to prompt your mentor as to the information that you require.
- Do not interfere in the running of the mentors business.
- Stick to company times when during the mentorship. Abide by all company rules and regulations.
- Remember that the mentor is not liable for any damages to you or your private property during the mentorship period. Mentor will also not take any responsibility for your actions.
- Remember that you are there to learn and it is a privilege.
- Do the right thing at the end of your mentorship and email a thank you letter and or give a small gift to the mentor, plants or gift vouchers always work well.