Who are the Bruin Guardian Scholars?

The Bruin Guardian Scholars (BGS) are current and former foster youth students at UCLA. These students have high career aspirations and possess significant characteristics and skills, but need connections to professionals who can help them navigate their career paths.

About 70% of the students desire work that is meaningful, challenging, and in alignment with their interests/values, but may wind up settling for whatever job they can get to make ends meet.

What is the Bruin Guardian Scholars Career Connections Network?

A professional network of supporters who are willing to help the Bruin Guardian Scholars launch into exciting and meaningful careers.

As a member of the network, you can elect to:

- Serve as a career mentor for at least one student and meet with your mentee twice per quarter and engage in weekly check-in calls/messaging
- Serve as a career advisor for other BGS members
- Be an active member of the BGS Career Connections Network LinkedIn Group
- Provide and/or connect students with job shadowing, internships, employment opportunities, and other industry professionals when applicable
- Speak at BGS career events, workshops, and seminars
- Teach BGS job readiness and retention skills
- Participate in formal and informal career exploration panels/discussions, networking mixers, mock interviews, and resume workshops

4 Reasons to Join:

1. Make a positive difference in the lives of students who need career support and assistance
2. Strengthen your coaching and leadership skills by working with individuals from diverse backgrounds
3. Gain access to a hidden pool of UCLA talent who possess significant characteristics and skills that can greatly and immediately benefit your organization
4. Broaden your company's brand on campus

About 75% of the students are interested in attending graduate/pre-professional school, but do not have connections to professionals with advanced degrees.

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