



Dear CDS Students and Alumni,

Thank you for your interest in our 2024 College of Doctoral Studies Alumni Mentor Program.

The College of Doctoral Studies Alumni Mentor Program is designed to connect current doctoral students with college alumni. Students may have questions and concerns as they progress through their doctoral program, and mentors draw upon their own experience to help provide additional support and help their mentees work toward educational and career goals. It will also create opportunities for our doctoral students to enhance their leadership skills and prepare them to become the next generation of leaders in their organizations and communities.

Use the following link to review specific information about our program and roles and responsibilities.

[CDS Alumni Mentor Program Handbook 2024 v001.pdf](#)

ABOUT OUR MENTORS

For our 2024 program, over 300 alumni have already volunteered to serve as mentors. CDS Alumni Mentors are graduates of our doctoral programs and are leaders and subject matter experts in their respective fields. They are selected via a comprehensive vetting process derived from CDS graduates holding various doctoral UOPX doctoral degrees (PhD/HEA, PhD/IO, PhD/NUR, DBA, DHA, DM, and EdD) and from different regions of the United States, Spain, Trinidad, Jamaica, and many other countries.

CDS Alumni mentors are active practitioners in various industries and leadership positions ranging from Chief Executive Officers, Chief Strategy Officers, Principal Partners, Senior Vice Presidents, Consultants, Academic Deans and Faculty from a variety of universities and colleges, High School and Elementary School Principals, Nurses, and active-duty Military Service members and retirees.

Read more about our program: <https://www.phoenix.edu/press-release/college-of-doctoral-studies-expanded-pilot-for-mentoring.html>.

If interested in participating in our 2024 College of Doctoral Studies Alumni Mentor Program, contact the college at [Contact the College – CDS Central \(phoenix.edu\)](#).

Sincerely,

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