Professional Preparation

IMPRINT
IMPRINT pairs promising high school students with prominent campus researchers or partnering employers, giving them a chance to learn what it's like to be a practicing engineer. This 8-week residential program takes place during the summer before the students' freshman year of college. Students work with professors, graduate students, or employer in addition to taking a summer course and attending professional development seminars. Please visit the IMPRINT website for more information.

Mentoring with Alumni
MEP alumni plan and conduct several activities that promote mentoring relationships with current students. A signature activity is the System of Survival (S.O.S.) Retreat. This overnight experience allows alumni to give informative workshops relevant to the challenges and opportunities students will face as upperclassmen and as engineering professionals. Such topics include communication skills, entrepreneurship, time management, interviewing skills, team building, campus involvement, alternative careers, and résumé writing. S.O.S. is supported by corporate friends of MEP. Please visit our Alumni website to learn more about their activities.

Illinois Scholars Undergraduate Research (ISUR) Program
The ISUR program provides research opportunities to students underrepresented in the College of Engineering. Students are matched with graduate mentors and receive a research stipend upon completion of the program. The ISUR program helps introduce undergraduate students to university research, involves students in the College of Engineering community through the learning-by-apprenticeship model, and exposes students to cutting-edge research. 100% of participants in the ISUR program have been retained in their technical studies. Please visit the ISUR website to learn more.