

Mentoring 25: Overview

Bridging the gap between industry and academia.

About the Program

We offer students the opportunity to apply for our Mentorship Program, which connects them with seasoned professionals from the hedge fund industry. Over the course of one to two years, mentees gain valuable insights into their mentor's career and day-to-day work. This exchange helps students explore potential career paths and build meaningful networks, while mentors benefit from the chance to identify emerging talent and give back to the next generation.

The program begins with a one-on-one kick-off meeting, initiated by the mentee, which marks the formal start of the relationship. From there, mentors and mentees are free to arrange the structure, frequency, and content of their interactions according to mutual availability and interests. Mentees are expected to take ownership of the relationship by reaching out proactively and driving the engagement.

Managing expectations is a central priority. The program should be understood as an entry point offering a wide range of opportunities, but requiring sustained commitment, initiative, and effort from the mentee. While mentorship may in some cases lead to employment opportunities, such an outcome is by no means guaranteed. Deeper engagement with company professionals is reserved for the most qualified candidates and should be regarded as a privilege. Candidate selection extends beyond academic performance to include personal attributes critical to success in the industry, such as analytical ability, communication and negotiation skills, resilience, and empathy.

Selected Mentors

LGT CAPITAL PARTNERS

LGT Capital Partners manages USD 7bn in hedge fund assets, backed by a 26-year track record and a team of more than 50 professionals. Its hedge fund solutions focus on delivering absolute returns in any market environment, using a proprietary Managed Account Platform



Dr. Thomas Kochanek
CRO/COO



Dr. Thomas Kochanek joined Progressive Capital Partners in January 2018. Before that he worked at a Spanish investment bank, where he serviced institutional clients in Alternative Investments and Structured Products. He then became Director of a Malta-based Alternative Investment platform and Co-CEO of a quantitative hedge fund. During his career, he served high net worth individuals, professional and institutional clients with regards to portfolio optimization and developing investment strategies.



Alexis Wolf
Private Banking for
Hedge Fund Leaders



Alexis Wolf is an Executive Director at J.P. Morgan Private Bank in Zurich, where he advises ultra-high-net-worth individuals, with a particular focus on hedge fund principals, private equity professionals and commodity trading executives. With over 15 years of experience across leading financial institutions, he brings a strong cross-border perspective and deep expertise in wealth structuring, investment strategy, and client relationship management.



Maxime Glasson
Head of Hedge Fund
Allocation



Maxime Glasson, CAIA, is Head of Hedge Fund Allocation at NOVUM PARTNERS in Geneva. Prior to this, he spent over nine years at J.P. Morgan, most recently as Vice President in Institutional Hedge Fund Solutions. With a strong background in alternative investments and a career spanning both trading and client-facing roles, he brings deep expertise in hedge fund strategies and portfolio construction.

Selected Mentors



Daniel Insunza
Head of Hedge Fund
Specialists



Daniel Insunza is the Head of Hedge Fund Specialists at UBS in Zurich. With over 20 years of experience in this field, his role is to advise clients on hedge fund investments and guide them toward their optimal portfolio choices. Throughout his career, he has led diverse teams within the alternative investments sector.



Philipp Baumann
Founder of Z22
Technologies



Founder and owner of Z22 Technologies AG. Z22 Technologies is a FINMA-regulated Swiss hedge fund specializing in fully automated, systematic investment strategies across traditional financial markets and cryptocurrencies. Before becoming self-employed, Philipp worked for several years in the financial industry, including roles at CAT Financial Products, Leonteq, and Diem Client Partner. Philipp is an alumnus of the University of St. Gallen (HSG) and the University of Zurich (UZH).



Bruno Schneller
Managing Partner



Bruno Schneller has served as Hedge Fund Analyst at BrunnerInvest and later as Co-Founder and CIO at Skänderbeg Investment Management before becoming Managing Partner at Erlen Capital Management in Zurich. Erlen Capital is an independent Swiss asset manager headquartered in Zurich. With over 25 years of experience in wealth management, Erlen combines tradition and innovation to deliver tailored investment solutions for families, institutions, and businesses.

Timeline

September 15th

Applications are open



Students apply by submitting a CV and Cover Letter. These documents will be shared with the mentors.

October 26th

Application Deadline



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November 5-12th

Application Deadline



 will receive up to five applications on November 5 and can communicate its final decisions by November 12.

November 16th

Confirmation of Mentor



Once the mentors have selected their mentees, we will inform the students about next steps and share their mentor's contact details. From there, it is up to you to proactively begin shaping the relationship.

2026

Mentee Meeting



As the Mentee Community grows, mentees will have the chance to exchange their experiences, ideas, and learnings with one another at selected events.

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