Mentorship Programs: Traditional Training is Not Enough

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What does training look like at Kimley-Horn?

Why did we establish a mentorship program?

How do we create a vulnerable space?

What is included in the program?

What are our success stories?



What Does Training Look Like at Kimley-Horn?

Technical Training

LIFT Career Development

Fundamentals of Consulting

Consultant Training Fundamentals of Practice

Fundamentals of Business









Why Mentorship?

- A different and deeper investment than standard training
- A targeted and specific investment in a mentoring program for our Emerging Leaders
 - 100 hours of time per person
 - One-year commitment
- By invitation only hand selected individuals







What is the Program?

- Mentor program exercised in each region of the firm, branded to that region and its needs
- 24-32 Mentees annually
- 12-16 Mentors annually
- Establish connections and meet in multiple formats
 - Large groups, small groups, and one-on-one
- Set the stage for peer mentoring/support
 - Peer-to-peer connections





What Are Some Additional Program Details?

- Mentees drive the program
- Some structure is provided
 - Options/ideas/best practices shared
- Combination of virtual and in-person meetings
- Large and small group meetings
- One-on-one connections
- Meeting additional peers
- Meeting additional senior leaders





What Are Our Success Stories?

- Lifetime of connections between mentees and mentors after the program has ended
 - Allows continued growth of each person in the program
- Several of our previous mentees have gone on to help grow the firm by:
 - Growing new markets
 - Driving additional growth in existing markets
 - Opening new offices





What Are Our Success Stories?

15% of work won and managed is from the latest three years of mentees

The program over the last decade has resulted in the development of many leaders... who continue to lead our firm

Many of our mentees return to be mentors in subsequent years



THANK YOU

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