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## **PLAN Sac Valley Mentoring Program**

### **Mentor Informational Guide**

**Join the APA Sac Valley Section's award-winning mentoring program!**

The PLAN Sac Valley program is looking for established technical and policy planning professionals, and professionals in related fields, to volunteer as mentors and share their knowledge and experience with emerging professionals. This program will provide the next generation of professional planners with a dynamic and challenging one-on-one and group mentoring forum for personal and professional development.

This is also a rewarding experience for mentors who will have the opportunity to share what they've learned in planning and other related fields. Over the course of the program, mentors will also build upon their existing professional networks and extend these networks with their PLAN Sac Valley professional mentor peers and mentees. This network will serve as a resource during and beyond the mentoring program experience.

***Thank you for volunteering to mentor  
the next generation of planners in our region!***

#### **Program Information**

**Eligibility:** Open to APA members working professionally in planning or a related field for over 10 years. If you are not a member, please visit <https://www.apacalifornia.org/join/> to join. If you have never been an APA member, you may use National APA's introductory annual rate of \$79 for the first two years. If you are a former member, you have the option of joining National APA or becoming a California Chapter-only member for \$125/year.

**Duration:** 9 months (October 2023 through June 2024).

**Structure:** Mentors are assigned a primary mentee that they will meet one-on-one with on a monthly basis. The timing and structure of these one-on-one meetings is decided jointly by the mentor/mentee pair.

The program consists of one monthly large group program, several networking events, and a community service activity that provides opportunities to meet with the other mentors and mentees in the program. You and your mentee will co-facilitate one of the large group programs with another mentor-mentee pair. **Attendance is mandatory for all program activities.**

The large group program generally occurs the third Wednesday of the month from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm, at in-person meetings in the Sacramento area, locations TBD. These group programs focus on a specific theme or activity.

Other group activities include the APA SVS Holiday Party, the APA SVS Awards Night and various other networking events. PLAN participants are also encouraged to attend APA SVS and YEP events with other program participants.

View the program calendar for more information.

**Cost: \$150**

The cost covers: 1) an unforgettable and priceless experience for you and your mentee, 2) virtual group sessions, and 2) the book "StrengthsFinder 2.0"

Payment is due at the first group meeting. More information on payment is provided on acceptance to the program. **Payment plan options are available.** Email [PLANSacValley@gmail.com](mailto:PLANSacValley@gmail.com) for more information about this option.

### **How to Apply**

To apply for the PLAN Sac Valley program, please visit: <https://svsapa.org/about-us/plan.html>.

Applications are due by **5:00 pm on Monday September 25, 2023.**

### **Questions?**

If you have questions, please email [PLANSacValley@gmail.com](mailto:PLANSacValley@gmail.com).

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