



Becoming a Protégé

GameMentorOnline is a joint effort between the IGDA Women in Games Special Interest Group (WiG SIG) and Women in Games International (WIGI). We are proud to partner with MentorNet.net to provide this free service to our members!

The mentoring program is a semi-formal eight-month program where you exchange weekly emails with a mentor. The estimated time commitment is about 15 minutes a week, but the benefits of gaining the knowledge of a mentor will last much longer!

To become a protégé, you must register on the MentorNet.net website. Please follow the instructions below to get started. Should you encounter any problems, please contact Karen Clark of WIGI at gmowigi@gmail.com or Anne Toole of the IGDA WiG SIG at gamentorline@igda.org.

1. Using a web browser such as Internet Explorer 7 or Firefox 3, navigate to <http://www.MentorNet.net/protege>
2. Click on the "Join Us" button under "Find a Mentor!"
3. Enter your information as specified on the page.
 - a. **Please use a real email address – this is where your mentor will contact you during the mentoring process!**
4. Read the Terms of Service, and accept to continue with registration if you agree.
5. Click the "Find a Mentor" button.
6. The first portion of enrollment as a protégé is to follow the steps in the "Protégé Eligibility Verification" section.
7. **You must be a student to become a GameMentorOnline protégé.** Select the "Yes" button to proceed with the application.
8. On the next page, enter your level of education and current college or university.
 - a. You **do not** have to be enrolled at a MentorNet sponsoring school to apply. Simply enter your school information in the "Other College" field.

9. Be sure to check “GameMentorOnline” in the item “Professional Society Memberships and Special Project Affiliates.”
 - a. This is required to become a GameMentorOnline protégé!
10. By checking the box at the bottom of the page, you certify the information provided is true.
11. On the next page, please read each document in the "Requirements/References" section, and acknowledge them by checking the boxes. Be sure to read the "MENTORNET PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT"
12. Move on to Step 2 "General Information".
13. Follow the questions to add your information regarding gender, age group, citizenship, ethnicity, and years of professional experience.
14. As answer to the question “What was the method by which you first heard about MentorNet?” please select “Other” and enter either “**IGDA**” or “**WIGI**” as appropriate.
15. Move on to step 3, which focuses on the type of Mentor you seek.
16. Since most GameMentorOnline mentors are working professionals in the industry, we recommend the option “I have no preference either way” for the question “Are you looking for a faculty member?” Of course, this is up to you if you have a preference.
17. Move on to Step 4.
18. For the question "Please select the field(s) of study in which you would like your mentor to have experience" select one of the items that begins with "**Entertainment Media**". For example, to be matched with a programmer, a producer or a level designer on video game projects, I would select "Entertainment Media - Game Technology."
19. Add two alternate fields that you would like mentoring in. Feel free to add an Explanation to clarify your preferences if you wish.
20. Complete the "Careers" section by entering the main career that you would like mentoring for, and two alternate areas. Feel free to add an Explanation to clarify your preferences if you wish.
21. Move on to step 5, “Match Preferences.”

22. Enter preferences for the work sector of your mentor.

NOTE: If you choose anything other than "3 - Absolute Requirement" for each item, you will receive matches for more than one choice.

23. Enter additional preferences for your mentor including gender, degrees held, alma mater, employer, geographic location, and ethnicity.

24. In the "Professional Society of Mentor" section, you must choose "GameMentorOnline" and "3 - Absolute Requirement" or else you will not be guaranteed a GameMentorOnline mentor!

25. Move on to step 6.

26. Enter information for each ranking in the "Other Match Information" section as you wish. Don't be shy to express your preferences as they will directly influence the kind of relationship you'll have with your mentor!

27. Finally, complete the "Personal Statement to mentor" essay question. **Do not enter personally identifying information such as your name, address or contact information.** That information will be made available to your mentor after you select him/her during the matching process.

28. Congratulations! You are now a Protégé with GameMentorOnline. A link will be displayed on the page to show you recommended mentors with whom you have been matched.

29. View the [Matching FAQ](#) if you have further questions about the matching process.

Thank you for signing up!