<u>Abramson Scholarship Foundation Advisor Network</u>

THANK YOU for serving as an advisor with the Abramson Scholarship Foundation (ASF). We have developed a vast yet connected Advisor Network which is managed by ASF staff and volunteers.

We created our Advisor Network in order to provide Abramson Scholars with as much support as possible. Most Abramson Scholars come from disadvantaged backgrounds and truly appreciate the abundance of support and benefit greatly from the experience. Many are the first in their families to attend college. Advice from caring, engaged professionals in the community will make a significant difference in their lives.

Your goal as an Abramson Advisor will be to provide support to both the Scholars and mentors. By using your expertise, you will be able to help meet the evolving needs of Scholars.

Within the Advisor Network there are many specialties and areas of expertise that we would love to offer our Scholars such as:

- Career development & planning
- Financial planning
- Peer-to-Peer support
- Studying abroad
- Mental health
- Resume writing
- LinkedIn profile creation
- Interview advice (incl. Informational interviews, mock interviews)
- First-generation college student support
- Internship planning (incl. Identifying opportunities)
- Networking
- Online learning strategies

Our Abramson Scholars experience one of their greatest life transitions as they complete their college education. Having adults that are present, available and supportive are important attributes of the ASF Advisor Network.

Advisor Expectations

~ STAY CONNECTED WITH ASF ~

- **Respond promptly to any communication from ASF**, including requests from mentors, prompt RSVPs to events, surveys, and check-ins by ASF staff or volunteers.
- Attend some Abramson events throughout the year. We would love to see you at our events! An annual calendar will be provided each summer so you may plan accordingly. We will also host virtual events and expect you to make every effort to participate. This is important so that you can connect with Scholars, participate in our ongoing training and support, and to strengthen your ties to the ASF community. We promise your efforts will make your experience with the Advisor Network even more gratifying.
- Share your *Special Moments* and photos with us. If you have a particularly meaningful interaction with a Scholar, send us a note (clear it with the Scholar first, however). You can help us inspire others and we can share your highlight in our social media and seasonal newsletters. This is also the best way to show our supporters the strength of our Advisor Network.
- Think of ways that you can help strengthen our program. If you or one of your contacts can help us with professional development initiatives, participate in a virtual or in-person career panel to provide perspective, advise within various professional fields (especially non-legal fields such as engineering, business, accounting, finance, health care, teaching, FinTech, STEM, etc.), or provide an internship for one of our Scholars, please connect us!
- Share our story. Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn & Twitter.

We are always available to answer any questions or help you in any way.

For mentoring questions, contact the Mentoring Committee: mentoring@abramsonfoundation.org

For questions regarding Scholars' financial needs, contact the Executive Director: <u>Danielle Verbiest</u> (<u>danielle@abramsonfoundation.org</u>) or call/text (202) 470-5425