

# NEXT AVL

WHERE YOU WANT TO BE

## WHAT'S NEXT

NEXT AVL is a 9-month professional mentorship program that pairs local university students with working professionals who offer connection, mentorship, and professional development. Through NEXT AVL, students will expand their professional networks and opportunities in Asheville and pursue the NEXT step in their life as a young professional here – in AVL.

NEXT AVL, participants can expect:

- MENTORSHIP and guidance by a professional in the Asheville and WNC community
- To build confidence as a professional and gain insight into the professional world
- NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES with industry and organization leaders
- Career path CONNECTIONS with the area business community
- Membership with the Young Professionals of Asheville

## WHO'S NEXT

Participants are college students who are interested in professional and meaningful job opportunities in the Asheville area post-graduation.

Ideal candidates are:

- Sophomore or Junior year
- Highly motivated and proactive
- Committed to the 9-month program (1-2 hours per month)
- Prepared, punctual, professional and personable
- Open to learning, collaborative and dynamic

Additionally, we are seeking students that meet any of the following criteria:

- First generation students
- Students with a strong work ethic who may need additional professional or career support
- Underrepresented or historically marginalized students
- Students from low-income families
- Students with culturally diverse backgrounds

## IDENTIFY A STUDENT

We are asking faculty and staff members to recruit students for the Fall 2019 NEXT AVL program. Student applications will close April 4th. Visit [nextavl.com](http://nextavl.com) or email [nextavl@ashevillechamber.org](mailto:nextavl@ashevillechamber.org) for more information.

I enjoy working with ambitious, dedicated students looking to build a career in Asheville. I have been very well matched with my mentee and get personal satisfaction helping her reach her career goals. I anticipate we will stay in contact for years to come.

~NEXT AVL Mentor



Prior to NEXT AVL I always thought that who you know could give you an advantage in life. However, I am learning that it is who knows you that matters more. I have seen firsthand how networking plays a critical role in landing a job. With NEXT AVL, I am able to gain connections in my industry. My mentor is giving me tips I am sure will aid me in landing my dream job after graduation.

~NEXT AVL MENTEE

OPPORTUNITY

NETWORKING

CONNECTION

MENTORSHIP