



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

Leeds University Business School

THE Awards 2019 – Business School of the Year

Institution/Nominee	Leeds University Business School
Title	Nurturing Talent Mentor Scheme
Key personnel	Sarah Verbickas, Faculty Planning Manager Anna France, Nurturing Talent Mentor Scheme Coordinator
URL	https://business.leeds.ac.uk/undergraduate/careers/nurturing-talent-mentor-scheme/
Submission	<p>From 10 student mentees in 2010 to 223 in 2017, Leeds University Business School’s Nurturing Talent Mentor Scheme has grown from strength to strength over the past seven years – a game changer for those who take part and the foundation of a professional network that supports students throughout their future careers.</p> <p>The scheme enables the business school to build strong corporate connections; engage with alumni, especially those who have recently graduated; enhance the student experience and improve employability and graduate outcomes for all students regardless of background.</p> <p>The scheme prioritises students from widening participation backgrounds such as those who come through the Access to Leeds route, the Foundation Year programme or who are first in their family into Higher Education.</p> <p>This ethos extends to the employers who take part in the scheme, with over 25% of mentors coming from companies in the “Top 50 UK employers for social mobility progress.”</p>