

What does it take to be an EWB professional mentor?

EWB-USA Professional Mentors are **experienced professionals** who assist the chapter in meeting the cultural, public health, environmental, economical, construction, and technical aspects of the chapter's community development program.

- **Ability to transfer engineering knowledge** to both team members and the community.
- **Capacity to communicate** across language and cultural barriers.
- Sensitivity and **respect for local culture** and history.
- Ability to **work well with diverse groups** and facilitate meetings.
- Understanding of the fundamentals of the EWB-USA **model of community-driven development**.
- **Understanding of the EWB-USA project process** such that they can guide, if necessary, the chapter through that process.
- Understanding of **what makes technologies appropriate** for use.
- Commitment to developing **sustainable and culturally acceptable** technologies.
- Ability to **critically analyze all possible solutions** by evaluating the intended and unintended consequences of the project on society, human health and the environment.
- **Openness** to learning about sustainable practices from a local paradigm.
- Commitment to **monitor the project** and assess its impact on the community.
- Ability and **willingness to experience** the living conditions in the host community.
- Ability to **provide remote mentoring** if the student chapter is not a local chapter.
- **Long-term commitment to the project and to the community to provide the foundation for the program to continue within this community year after year.**

*In addition to meeting the listed qualifications, a **travelling Professional Mentor** must be a member of EWB-USA and part of an EWB-USA Chapter. They must attend the Professional Mentor webinar. The Responsible Engineer in Charge should submit a 404 - Mentor Statement of Intent and resume to the project team so that these documents are included with the team's trip submittals to EWB-USA Headquarters.*

Still interested? Contact EWB-UMN at www.ewb-umn.edu!