



GAIN Mentorship Program

*Connecting Today's Experts with
Tomorrow's Innovators*

Mentor User Guide

Why Join GAIN?

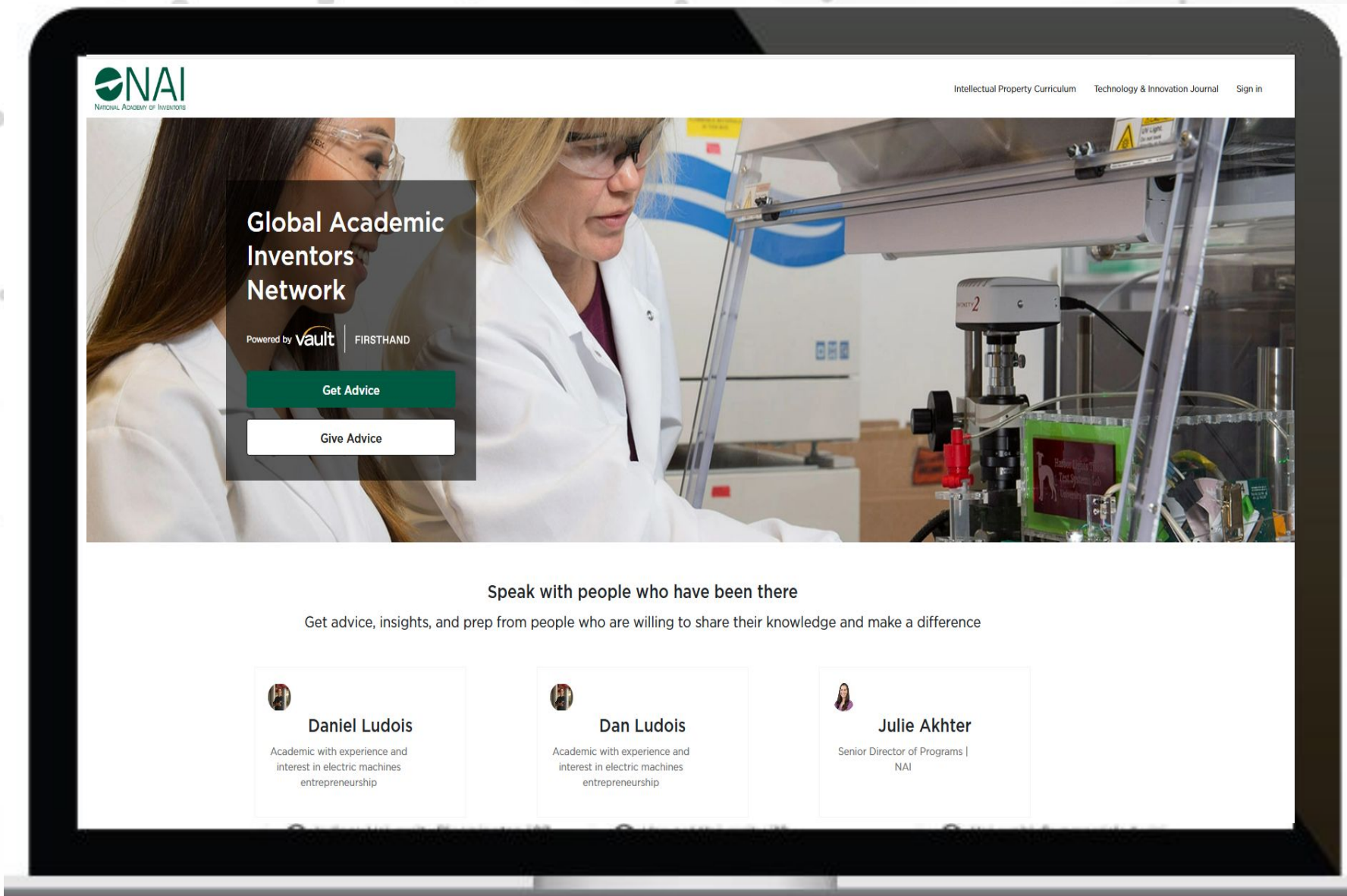
THE FUTURE LEADERS OF INNOVATION ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP

- Give back in an impactful way – offer your time and talent to help the next generation of inventors get their start
- Easily, on your own time – give back whenever and how often you want, on topics you know well
- With your privacy protected – we don't share your



Contact: GAIN@academyofinventors.org

Register as a Mentor



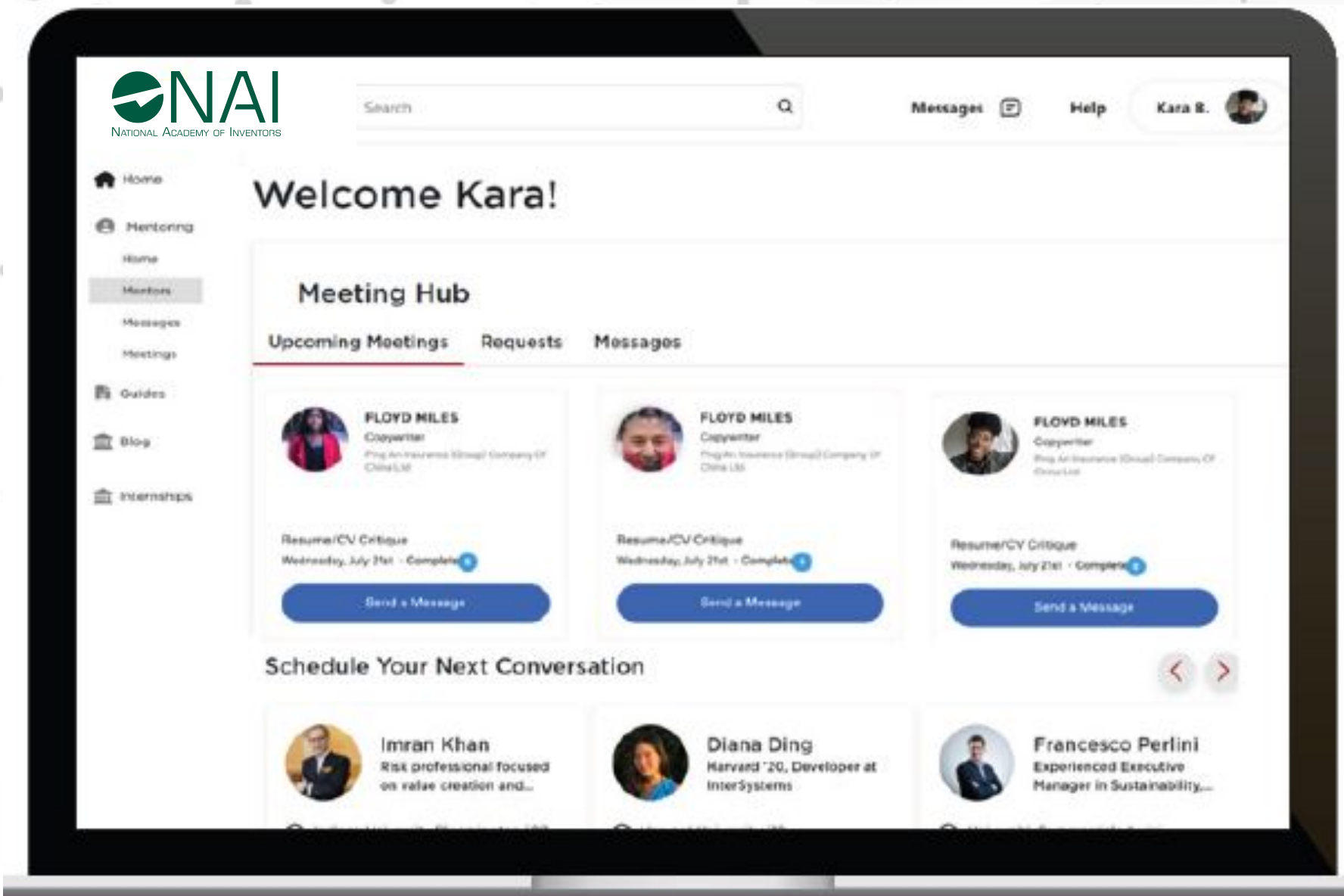
Step 1:

Visit nai.firsthand.co, click 'Give Advice' and create your profile.

Step 2:


Create your profile within minutes by registering with your LinkedIn profile and specifying the types of advice you'd like to offer. You can sign in at any time to view and make changes to your account. **Be sure to click SAVE at the top of the screen to complete the process!**

Connect with Mentees



Get Connected

- When you get a consultation request, you will receive an email notification from the platform.
- Accept, decline or suggest new times to meet for the mentee to choose from.
- Your consultation homepage allows you to communicate with the mentee and share files.
- When your call is confirmed, you will be sent a conference number to dial in to along with an access code – your mentee will also dial in at the scheduled time for you call.



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National Academy of Inventors
Patent Attorney with unique combination of experience at Microsoft and BigLaw Morrison & Foerster LLP. Expertise in patent law, licensing, portfolio development. Passion for driving diversity in inven... [view more](#)

📍 Florida, USA
Current Location

💬 0
Consultations


⌚ N/A
Avg. Response Time


Reach out to me for:

✓ Patent advice

✓ Intellectual Property Protection


Work Experience:


 Senior Director of Programs
National Academy of Inventors
Apr, 2024 - Present • 2 months
Tampa, FL


 Senior Patent Attorney
Microsoft
Oct, 2011 - Dec, 2023 • 12 years, 2 months
Redmond, WA

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Education:

 Doctor of Law (JD), Law
Stanford Law School
Class of 2010

 Master of Science - MS, Computer science
Stanford University
Class of 2010

 Master of Science - MS, Astronomy
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
Class of 2006

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EDIT MY PROFILE

I speak:

✓ English

Schools

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Other Groups

Chapter Leadership
Women Innovators

Fields of Study

Computer Science
Astronomy

Manage Your Profile

CULTIVATE AUTHENTIC CONNECTIONS

When you're logged into your account, you will be able to make changes to your profile, set out of office hours, edit your availability and view and manage past and current consultations.

FAQ

What types of advice can I offer?

You are welcome to provide any career-related advice that you think is relevant to your mentee. Whether they are interviewing for a job or internship or learning about a specific industry, mentees want your unique perspective. Mentees are responsible for outlining what type of information they are seeking. Feel free to ask your mentee for additional clarification in advance of the conversation.

Will the mentee be able to see my phone number or email?

No, your phone number and email address are never shared with the mentee as all communication is routed through your consultation homepage.

Where on my profile can I outline how I can be most helpful to mentees?

We recommend filling out your headline and 'About Me' section to give mentees a better idea of what you can offer. Generally, the more details the better.

Tips for a Successful Meeting

Meeting Requests:

- You will receive an email that will have some suggested meeting times and will also include details about the type of advice the mentee is looking for (e.g., informational interview for investment banking). Once you accept the meeting request for a specific time, you will receive a calendar invitation.

Preparing for Your Meeting:

- We recommend you prepare as you would for any professional meeting. You can contact your student in advance of the meeting through the consultation homepage (accessible on your mentor profile) if you have specific questions on what they would like to cover (e.g., types of investment banking interviews they want to focus on) or if you want them to forward additional files to your attention. All information will be shared through this consultation page and we will notify you by email if the student contacts you.



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for any questions or concerns