



## Mentee and Mentor Testimonials - [SAI Mentoring Service](#)



*"I was new to living and working in Ireland but was lucky to be part of the Society. The SAI's mentoring programme is a simple way to get support; it fosters team spirit and is designed to help everyone who calls for it. It helped me to validate my thoughts and gain valuable guidance for future exams. I would recommend everyone to use the SAI's mentoring programme as no one should be alone on their journey to becoming an actuary."*

**Dheeraj Agarwal, Senior Associate, PwC**



*"I've been lucky to have had a number of people act as mentors to me over the years, and the SAI's mentoring programme is a really nice way to pay it forward. It's very rewarding to feel like you have made a positive difference in someone's career path."*

**Claire Lonergan FSAI, Head of Operations, Canada Life Reinsurance Dublin**



*"I really enjoy being an SAI mentor - it's both interesting and rewarding. Every situation is different and it's nice, and hopefully helpful, to share tips and relevant experiences with an actuarial colleague as they grapple with a career or professional issue. The most enjoyable thing for me though is helping people resolve issues for themselves by making it easier for them to clarify their own thoughts and assess their options."*

**Paul O'Faherty FSAI, SAI Past President and INED – with his grandson, James**



*"The mentoring programme is a fantastic facility for any actuary looking for what's next in their career. I was very fortunate to be paired with a great mentor as a newly qualified actuary. Even if you don't plan on making any career moves it is really invaluable to talk to someone senior in the industry outside your organization."*

**Cillian Dickson FSAI**