

Volunteer Student Education Attainment Program (SEAP) - Mentor Description

Purpose:	<p>The Mentors we are looking for should be committed, strong, empathetic, driven, engaging volunteers, who are invested in successfully mentoring a young person.</p> <p>The Student Education Attainment Program (SEAP) is a mentorship program designed to support students of Somali descent with credit accumulation and school completion. This program is modeled after Check and Connect- a comprehensive student engagement program out of the University of Minnesota. Check and Connect is a comprehensive student engagement program that has considerable evidence demonstrating impacts that include increased attendance, completion of courses and graduation rates across different communities and populations. SEAP matches each student with a mentor to provide a support system to improve self-esteem and attitude towards school.</p> <p><i>Established in 1988, CultureLink Settlement and Community Services is a not-for-profit charity and United Way member agency serving newcomers to Canada and the community at large in the City of Toronto</i></p> <p>CultureLink works within an anti-oppression framework and is committed to equity.</p>
Title:	Mentor- Student Education Attainment Program (SEAP)
Location:	2340 Dundas Street West, suite 301 Toronto, ON M6P 4A9
Key Responsibilities/ benefits:	<p><u>Mentor Responsibilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete monthly monitoring forms and connect with mentee to set an individualized plan of success once every six months. • Connect youth with opportunities that allow them to achieve the goals set on the individualized plan for success. • Be available to connect with mentee for 2 hours a week minimum. • Successfully complete an online course on how to effectively mentor vulnerable youth. • Must be able to commit for a minimum of 1 year. <p><u>Benefits</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certification on effectively mentoring vulnerable underserved youth through required online course. • Acquire experience in the non-profit sector as it pertains to youth with systemic barriers. • Enhance interpersonal skill development by working with diverse group of stakeholders. • Access to a range of free training opportunities and events. • Honorariums
Reports to:	SEAP Staff/Program Manager
Length of Appointment:	1 year.
Time Commitment:	2-4 hours a week.

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Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 3 years work or volunteer experience in the following sectors: Social Services, Youth Development, Teaching or other forms of Education, Employment, Healthcare and Recreation. • Able to work collaboratively with multiple stakeholders (students, teachers, parents, project staff and evaluators). • Available and willing to work with a vulnerable and underserved youth. • Understanding of social justice and anti-oppression principles. • Some familiarity with opportunities and resources available in Toronto. • Strong verbal and written communication skills. • Strong interpersonal skills. • Successfully complete a Police Vulnerable Sector Check.
Application Process:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send Volunteer Application Form; resume, and cover letter to Claudia Rivera, Volunteer Coordinator at crivera@culturelink.ca , <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submit in the subject headline of the email as 'SEAP Mentor'. 2. In your cover letter, please include a paragraph on why you want to become a mentor* • +Once we receive your application, an interview will be scheduled with the SEAP staff and the Volunteer Coordinator • If application is accepted, the applicant will sign the confidentiality agreement and will submit all required documents. • An on-boarding session will be scheduled with the candidate and the Volunteer Coordinator to provide orientation on Volunteer Policy, Agency Overview, Health and Safety procedures, and agency tour.