CALL FOR COLLEGE MENTORS

Today, low-income high school students are less likely to apply to and enroll in colleges than they were ten years ago. Studies show that college mentoring can significantly boost students’ submissions and enrollment rates, but most of our students attend schools that have one guidance counselor for every 500 students. Your mentorship can make a substantial difference in the life of a New York City student.

ABOUT US

Freedom and Citizenship is a community-outreach program run in partnership with Columbia’s Double Discovery Center. Every year we work with 45 New York City high school seniors who will be the first in their families to go to college. They are predominantly first- and second-generation Americans from low-income homes.

Our students participate in an intensive summer seminar in political philosophy before their senior year, then pursue civic leadership projects on topics related to the summer’s themes of “freedom” and “citizenship.” They are hard-working, motivated, and passionate scholars who are ready for college.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

TIME
Can you commit up to four hours a week September through December to meet with your student on Columbia’s campus? Hours are flexible.

DRIVE
Will you be proactive about emailing your student to track deadlines and confirm meetings? When your student is feeling overwhelmed, will you keep your mentee motivated and focused?

WRITING SKILLS
Do you feel confident in your ability to edit a college application essay? Training will be provided.

APPLY ONLINE BY 9/14
freedomandcitizenship.columbia.edu/volunteers

Deadline extended! Apply Now!

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