THE HARVARD ALLSTON MENTOR AWARD

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The Harvard Allston Education Portal is pleased to announce the 2014 Competition for the Harvard Allston Mentor Award. Harvard undergraduates who are accepted will be eligible to fill mentoring positions as they become available in the Spring, Summer and Fall 2014. Under the direction of Professor Robert Lue, Mentors fulfill an important community outreach role by working with elementary- to high school-aged students in the Allston/Brighton neighborhood at the Harvard Allston Education Portal (located at 175 North Harvard Street).

Harvard Allston Mentors with backgrounds in the sciences, mathematics and/or writing engage with children of a variety of ages and backgrounds, boosting their interest in and encouraging further exploration of these topics. Mentors have the opportunity to make a critical difference in the lives of students who are having difficulty in school, and provide essential support to academically capable students who want to explore their interests more fully. In addition, Harvard Allston Mentors represent Harvard to the community members they serve and take part in shaping the curriculum presented at the Ed Portal.

Mentors are expected to engage fully in all aspects of Ed Portal programming, including participating in workshops on teaching and curriculum, and planning and implementing community events. Mentors commit to orientations and full-day retreats at the beginning of each session; one 4-hour afternoon per week of mentoring; several hours per week for meeting, planning and reporting; additional time preparing and hosting up to two events each semester, and preparing culminating projects with mentees for the Fall and Spring Showcases. Upon completion of their responsibilities, mentors receive an award stipend of $600 for the summer session, or $1000 for a fall or spring semester session.

The Spring 2014 Mentoring Session will begin with a full-day retreat on Saturday, February 1st and will end on Sunday, May 4th with the Ed Portal Showcase. Summer Mentoring will begin with an orientation and training workshop, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 18th and run through Thursday, July 31st. The Fall 2014 Mentoring Session will begin with an all-day retreat on Saturday, September 27th, and end with the Ed Portal Showcase on Sunday, December 7th.

To apply, complete the online application and email a resume and cover letter to Ilyana Sawka, Executive Assistant to Professor Robert Lue, at isawka@fas.harvard.edu. The deadline for Spring 2014 is January 13th, 2014, and the deadline for Summer and Fall 2014 is Friday, April 25th 2014. Preference will be given to Harvard classes of 2016 and 2017.
The Harvard Allston Education Portal Website
http://edportal.harvard.edu/

The Education Portal in the News

Harvard University Gazette, Harvard Allston Ed Portal

(http://www.boston.com/news/education/higher/articles/2008/11/30/through_portal_harvard_shares_assets_with_neighborhood_youth?s_campaign=8315)

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(http://www.news.harvard.edu/gazette/2008/12.04/11-edportal.html)

Harvard University Gazette, “‘Ed Portal’ Builds Bridge of Learning for Area Children”
(http://www.news.harvard.edu/gazette/2008/11.20/11-edportal.html)

Harvard Crimson, “Residents Celebrate Education Portal”
(http://www.thecrimson.com/article.aspx?ref=525549)

Harvard Crimson, "Harvard Opens Education Portal in Allston"
(http://www.thecrimson.com/article.aspx?ref=523942)

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