The Harvard Ed Portal is pleased to announce the 2016 Competition for the Harvard Ed Portal Mentor Award. Harvard undergraduates who are accepted will be eligible to fill mentoring positions as they become available in Fall 2016, and potentially Spring 2017. Under the direction of Faculty Director Professor Robert Lue, undergraduate Mentors fulfill an important community outreach role by working with elementary to high school-aged students in Allston/Brighton at the Harvard Ed Portal located at 224 Western Avenue in Allston.

Mentors engage with children of a variety of ages and backgrounds, encouraging their exploration of science, writing, public speaking, math, technology and the arts. 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 seek inspiration and enrichment. In addition, Mentors represent Harvard University to its host communities and take part in shaping the curriculum presented at the Ed Portal.

Mentors are expected to participate fully in all aspects of Ed Portal programming, including workshops on teaching and curriculum, and planning and implementing community events. Mentors commit to orientation sessions and a full-day retreat; one 4-5 hour afternoon per week of mentoring; with substantial additional hours each week devoted to meetings, lesson preparation and writing weekly reports; and preparing culminating projects with mentees for the Fall and Spring Showcases.

Applicants must prioritize their commitment to the Mentoring Program ahead of other extra-curricular activities, and understand the substantial time commitment required of all Mentors. Upon completion of their responsibilities, Mentors receive an award stipend of $1000 for the semester.

The Fall 2016 Mentoring Program will begin on Monday, September 19th, include several 8AM orientations for new mentors, a full-day retreat for all mentors on Saturday, October 1st and end on Sunday, December 4th with the Program Showcase.

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 applications is Friday April 8th. Thereafter, they will be accepted on a rolling basis as space allows. Preference is given to current freshmen and sophomores.
The Harvard Ed Portal in the News

• The Harvard Ed Portal Website
  http://edportal.harvard.edu/

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  http://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2014/12/a-spark-for-young-minds/

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• The Boston Globe, “Through Portal, Harvard Shares Assets with Neighborhood Youth”
  http://www.boston.com/news/education/higher/articles/2008/11/30/through_portal_harvard_shares_assets_with_neighborhood_youth?s_campaign=8315

• Harvard University Gazette, “Education Portal is a Gateway to Learning”
  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”

• Harvard Crimson, "Harvard Opens Education Portal in Allston"

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