

The Jewish Somali Mentorship Project

Mission:

The Jewish Somali Mentorship project is a joint initiative by the United Jewish Appeal of Greater Toronto, Canadian Jewish Congress, Canadian Somali Congress, Canadian International Peace Project and Canadian Heritage. The project will be launched in Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Edmonton and Vancouver, beginning in Toronto, May 2009. The Canadian Somali Community is the largest African Diaspora community and one of the largest Muslim communities in Canada. A compendium of factors has rendered it one of the most socially and economically disadvantaged populations in the nations. The project is intended to aid in the creation of a successful cadre of Canadian-Somali professionals, who can then assume greater leadership roles to assist with the development of their own community, as well as, contribute to Canadian society at large. The goal is to connect Canadian-Somali students and young professionals with mentors from the Canadian Jewish community who through their professional experience can support, encourage and assist them in successfully pursuing their respective professions.

What is Mentoring?

Mentorship refers to a developmental relationship between a more experience elder and a less experienced individual, referred to as a mentee or protégé. With regards to our project, the elder, due to experience can guide and counsel the individual or mentee in terms of growth professionally and perhaps, personally as well. Mentorship is a two-way process, where both participants can benefit.

Potential Benefits for Mentors

The CIPP is seeking mentors from the Jewish community to participate in an innovative mentorship project, between the Jewish and Somali Communities. Mentors will assist Canadian Somali university/college students and young professional to pursue their professions. Benefits include;

- Personal satisfaction and reward gained from helping another person
- Opportunity to share professional and educational experiences
- Higher profile for your company, industry or community

Potential Benefits for Mentees

The CIPP is inviting mentees from the Somali community to be part of mentorship project between the Somali and Jewish community. Canadian Somali university/college students and young professionals are being matched with mentors from the Canadian Jewish community to assist them in successfully pursuing their respective professions. Benefits include;

- Obtain information and advice about chosen career of field
- Observe people in chosen career of field
- Establish and widen networking circle
- Opportunities to discuss issues and ideas with an experienced professional

Making time for Mentorship

Mentoring requires time, effort and participation from both parties involved, in order to be a successful partnership. **Minimum time requirement is approximately 4 hours a month.**

Your assistance will aid in ensuring successful, confident Canadian-Somali youth, resulting in a stronger Canadian Somali community and Canadian society at large. Visit our website for more information and to download/submit mentor/mentee applications. Completed applications can be sent to ebyan.farah@canadianipp.org or by fax (416) 384-1234 or by mail, 2001 Leslie Street, Toronto, Ontario

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Thank you for your support.

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