

The Calgary Bridge Foundation for Youth (CBFY) provides a welcoming and inclusive environment for immigrant and refugee youth and their families by enriching them with the appropriate information, knowledge and experience as they build a life in Canada through four core programs: The Afterschool Program, The In-School Settlement Program, The Mentorship Program, and The RBC Youth Empowerment Program. The CBFY is seeking volunteers to support an innovative and well-established Mentorship Program for immigrant and refugee youth in Calgary.

The Mentorship Program introduces immigrant youth (grades 7 - 12) to Calgary, Canada and pairs them with mentors who are successfully integrated. Offering a wealth of resources and services, the goal of this program is to help newcomers achieve their personal, social, and academic goals, as well as better understand the Canadian school systems and communities. Our mentors provide a support system by offering school tours, translation, and friendship. We also offer Afterschool Program at select schools of Calgary to support immigrant and Syrian refugee youth during critical hours by providing leadership and life skills, English language skills, and activities that enrich knowledge of Canadian culture and systems.

Job Title:	Mentorship Program Field Trip Volunteer
Purpose:	As a Mentorship Program Field Trip Volunteers, you will have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of <b>newcomer immigrant and refugee youth</b> ( <b>Grades 7 - 12</b> ). This is your chance to help youth integrate into Canadian schools and communities, increase English Language skills, make new friends, and feel like they belong. You can achieve this by bringing your unique skills and personality traits to our diverse team. We encourage you to be enthusiastic, be accountable, and lead by example.
Duties & Responsibilities:	<ul> <li>Assist and participate in activities with youth and staff on field trips, directed by program staff.</li> <li>Supervise youth at all times and report any incidents to staff</li> <li>Ensure the well-being of all participants by creating and maintaining a safe environment</li> <li>Be a positive role model by showcasing leadership skills and building relationships with youth</li> <li>Ensure all program participants are treated with respect and integrity</li> <li>Attend training, as required</li> </ul>
Time Requirement:	This is a casual on-call volunteer position. Field trips usually happen on Fridays, Saturdays and sometimes after-school (Mon – Thurs).  Volunteers need to commit for the entire fall term and/or winter term  Fall Term: Early October to mid-December  Winter-Spring Term: Early February to mid-May
Location:	Program participants are taken to many places around the city, e.g. Zoo lights, Talisman Centre, Telus Spark, Glenbow Museum, Public Libraries, etc.
Skills & Qualifications:	<ul> <li>Must be outgoing, able to approach youth to initiate conversation and relationship</li> <li>Must be sensitive to cultural differences and the impact of previous experiences on youth</li> <li>Must be 18 years old or older</li> <li>Proficient in English</li> </ul>
Orientation and Training:	General CBFY and Mentorship Program Orientation/Training



Benefits:	There are many benefits to volunteering with the Mentorship Program at The
	Calgary Bridge Foundation for Youth. Here are just a few:
	<ul> <li>Learn about other cultures and share your own</li> </ul>
	Make a tangible, measurable difference each and every day
	Gain valuable professional and life experience
	Receive a reference letter after one term of consistent volunteer service
	Work alongside an exceptional team of people
	Give back to the community
	Chance to be nominated as CBFY volunteer of the year awardee