

EMERGING LEADERS MENTOR PROGRAM FAQ's

ALIVE is launching a pilot mentor program that will pair up Volunteer Engagement Professionals for a virtual 6-month mentorship.

What is the purpose of our program?

ALIVE is dedicated to the professional growth and development of leaders in volunteer engagement. Research shows there are many benefits for both mentors and mentees when participating in a mentor program. The purpose of our mentor program is to provide a platform for ALIVE members to connect, share best practices and position themselves as leaders in the field through ongoing professional development and skills building.

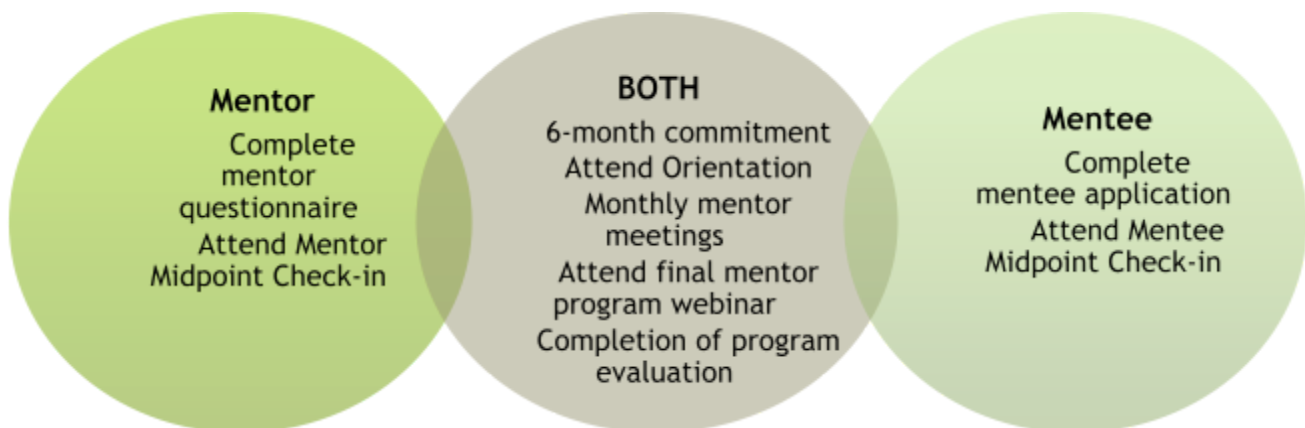


What are the specific goals and outcomes to be accomplished?

1. Strengthen competencies for leadership and career development
2. Expand professional network throughout industry

What is the criteria to participate in this program?

The criteria to participate in this program is listed below for both mentors and mentees:



It is important that all participants commit to fully participating in this program for the entire six months to ensure those participating get the most benefit out of the program possible.

How will mentors and mentees be matched?

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Prior to being matched, both parties will complete the following paperwork in order to make the best most suitable match for each individual:

MENTOR QUESTIONNAIRE	MENTEE APPLICATION
Mentors will complete a mentor questionnaire that provides the breadth of their experience as well as the competencies they feel comfortable in coaching a mentee.	Mentees will complete an application that provides their history and background as well as what competencies they would like to concentrate on strengthening through the mentorship program.

A Meet the Mentors guide will be distributed to those interested in the program to learn more about the participating mentors. Mentors will also receive a copy of the mentee's applications to learn more about them and what they are looking for in a mentorship and mentor.

The orientation provides an opportunity for both mentors and mentees to get to know one another. Mentors will introduce themselves and give a brief overview of their experience and expertise. Mentees will discuss goals they hope to accomplish during the mentorship.

After orientation, both parties will email the facilitator who they think would serve as a good match for them. The facilitator will use this information to then match the mentor pairs together and will notify them of the match.

If there is a concern on either side, ALIVE will work with the individual to address their concern. If either declines to continue with the match, there will not be a replacement and they will have to discontinue participating in the program for this round.

What will a typical mentorship look like?

The best part of this mentorship program is that there will not be a typical type of mentorship! This program is very much tailored around what the mentee wants to learn and the approach the mentor feels most comfortable with helping them to achieve their goals.

Examples of what a mentor can offer include:

- Helping mentee discover talents and interests and define and attain their goals
- Providing opportunities to connect with other career and personal contacts that may help mentee achieve goals
- Stimulating curiosity and exploration around challenges to build confidence and problem-solving abilities
- Encouraging reflection and growth by providing feedback in an open and non-threatening environment
- Providing personal experiences or perspective to impart wisdom and knowledge learned over the years for the mentee's advantage

What is the timeline for this program?

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The mentor partnership will take place over a six-month period of time set by the program facilitators. Mentor and mentee will agree on a time (**no more than one hour**) to meet via phone or virtually every month for a total of six mentoring sessions. Correspondence between the pair can occur approximately 1-2 hours of time each month with the idea of time tapering as needed.

Below provides a description of items and important dates taking place throughout the mentorship:

EVENT	DESCRIPTION	Start	END
Mentor Questionnaire	Members interested in becoming mentors must complete a questionnaire about their experience, knowledge and skills.	2/16/24	3/8/24
Mentee Application	Members interested in becoming mentees must complete an application outline their current experience and future goals for development.	3/11/24	4/5/24
Goal Setting Webinar	Potential mentees can meet with the program's co-facilitators for tips and advice on goal setting (optional).	3/27/24 Noon PT/ 3pm ET	
Program Orientation	Mentees and mentors will participate in an orientation to discuss goal setting for the program and introductions for potential matches.	4/10/24 Noon PT/ 3pm ET	
Mentoring Tips Webinar	Mentors can meet with the program's co-facilitators for tips and advice on mentoring (optional).	4/17/24 Noon PT/ 3pm ET	
Matching	ALIVE program facilitators will pair matches and confirm with both mentor and mentee of match via email.	4/18/24	
Mentor Meetings	Mentee and mentor connect via phone or video conference once a month over a six-month period.	April 2024	September 2024
Mentor/Mentee Midpoint Check-in	Facilitator will check in with mentors and mentees on how match is going and offer any support if needed.	July 2024	
Celebration & Closure Webinar	All participants attend a webinar to celebrate successes from the mentorship and officially close out the mentor program.	10/2/24 Noon PT/ 3pm ET	
Final Evaluation Survey	ALIVE will send a final evaluation to participants to collect feedback about their experience participating in the mentor program.	10/3/24	10/18/24



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How do I get started?

ALIVE will email all members when the application process is available for both mentors and mentees to apply, along with the detailed timeline for the selection process and program.

NOTE: Mentors may take on more than one mentee if they have availability to do so. Mentees will only have one mentor.

Thank you for your consideration in participating in this program. We look forward to working with you to foster your career growth and development as well as hopefully making this a permanent benefit going forward for ALIVE members!