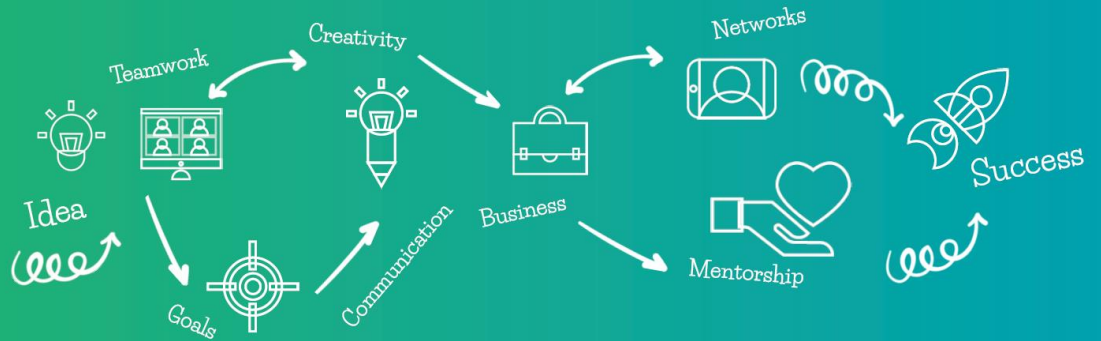


## Company Program

Empower high school students to create and run their own innovative business!



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH JA CENTRAL ONTARIO'S COMPANY PROGRAM

**Empower the next generation as a Company Program Advisor, working with a group of engaged students to start and run their very own business.**

Working alongside a team of business professionals, as a Company Program Advisor you will become a **business mentor**, **role model** and **facilitator** for a group of **10-20 high school** students. You will **mentor** and **support** these students through an **18-week entrepreneurial journey** to create, run and liquidate a real start-up business. Resources, training, and support for all volunteers are provided by the JA Central Ontario Company Program team.

### **BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING (JUST TO NAME A FEW!):**

- Enhance your leadership, presentation, and facilitation skills
- Meet like-minded professionals from across Central Ontario
- Become a role model and mentor for young people in your community
- Help build the next generation of business leaders

### **2021/2022 PROGRAM YEAR:**

Company Program teams will be operating as **fully virtual programs\*** (using an online platform such as Teams).

\*Some teams may opt-in to a hybrid program model where they may transition to in-person meetings during the year if public health and corporate guidelines allow. Confirmation of whether a program is fully virtual, or hybrid will be confirmed at time of registration.

## WHO CAN VOLUNTEER?

Volunteers do not need a particular background or area of expertise to be an effective Company Program Advisor – only a passion and willingness to support young people in an impactful way and the ability to foster teamwork.

Company Program Advisors must complete a Vulnerable Sector Screening/Police Check and provide two references to participate in the program. Details and instructions will be provided at registration.

## TIME COMMITMENT:

- Volunteers should expect to dedicate **2 to 4 hours each week** to the program which will include:
  - 2 hours for team meetings (set time each week) *Facilitation in the first 4-6 weeks of the program may require an additional hour (total 3 hours of meeting time)*
  - 30 min to 1 hour available for small group mentoring or support (flexible scheduling and will vary by week)
  - 30 min to 1 hour for prep time and/or to answer student and JA inquiries (will vary by week)
- Volunteers are asked to commit to attending at least 75% of the 18-week sessions
- Volunteers must also attend a mandatory virtual advisor training session on October 19 and training calls as needed throughout the year

## PROGRAM TIMELINE:

The program will run **November 1, 2021 to April 8, 2022.**

*Please note: Meetings will not take place during the holidays or March Break*

**For more information and to check out past JA companies, please visit:**

[www.jacocompanyprogram.ca](http://www.jacocompanyprogram.ca)