



(i)Cleveland connects talented young people with the people, projects and ideas advancing NEO. It immerses them in the community and engages them in the civic sector. By establishing these strong connections between energetic young leaders and the community, (i)Cleveland is helping to expand Cleveland’s talent pool to ensure a thriving future for NEO.

(i)Cleveland Mentor Network

The (i)Cleveland mentor network builds personal relationships between interns working at local companies and young professionals, creating a welcoming way for interns to learn about Cleveland’s career, social, and civic scenes.

Why serve as an (i)Cleveland mentor?

(i)Cleveland mentors can make a tremendous impact on college-age interns working in Cleveland for the summer by connecting them to career, social, and civic resources, and demonstrating Cleveland pride. The one-on-one relationship you build develops a new generation of leaders for Cleveland.



What’s the commitment?

(i)Cleveland mentors are paired with the same intern for the duration of the (i)Cleveland program (June-July). The relationship can be customized to your schedule, and include the following:

- Attend (i)Cleveland Mentor orientation (Wednesday, May 31, 6:00 p.m. or Tuesday, June 6, 8:00 a.m.)
- Weekly communication with your mentee, via text, email, or phone
- At least one mentor-mentee meeting (at your own convenience)

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Who is in (i)Cleveland?

Up to 225 undergraduate college students. Any college student interning in Northeast Ohio is eligible. Most participants are sponsored by their employers. (i)Cleveland interns have represented companies across Northeast Ohio.

How many mentees will I be matched with?

In the application process you will be able to select the number of interns you would like to work with. Matches will be based on the number of interns who **opt in** to the mentor program, and number of mentors who volunteer.

Because participation in the (i)Cleveland Mentor program is optional for interns, there is a chance you will not be paired with a mentee. You will be notified either way.

Will my mentee(s) have the same career goals/academic interests as me?

We try to match based on similar career goals and academic backgrounds, but there may not be a perfect match for everyone. Our priority is to create a support network for interns during their time in Cleveland, with mentors serving not only as a resource for career advice, but also to introduce the interns to all the great assets of Cleveland: volunteer opportunities, young professional networks, great food and arts and cultural events.

What will my mentee expect of me?

Your mentee will look to you to offer guidance, information, support, feedback, resources and ideas that may contribute to his/her professional, civic or personal development. While this may seem like a lot to tackle in just six weeks, we encourage you to determine what your mentee's greatest areas of interest are from the start, and focus your time and energy there.

I am part of a local community / young professional organization. Can I invite my mentee(s) to attend a meeting or event with me?

Yes! This is exactly the kind of exposure we hope you will provide for your mentees: connecting them with the opportunities that there are to get involved in Cleveland, through your own connections with local organizations, civic, and social events.

Questions?

Please contact Program Director Jill Pecoraro at (216) 592-2226 or jpecoraro@clevelandleads.org.



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