



DISCOVER YEAR

Could you use some more time to figure out your best path moving forward after high school? Would you like to save some money to help pay for your post-secondary education? Is there another part of the world you would like to visit, but have not yet had the opportunity? If so, and you are a recent high school graduate (or currently in grade 12), the *Discover Year* could be the perfect solution for you!

Young adults today often hear about the importance of following their passion in life. However, there are very few programs that offer the practical guidance or opportunities to empower them to achieve that goal. *Discover Year's* objective is to do just that: help kick-start young adults' search and mastery of their life's purpose.

At *MentorU*, we embrace diversity in all its forms and therefore seek to recruit *Discover Year* participants with varied perspectives, backgrounds and opinions. While we take an inclusive approach to admissions, it is vital to the success of the program that participants be committed to the process of self-development and collaboration. We are looking for young adults who are motivated to uncover their greater purpose in life and to figure out how they can make the most of their unique potential. For this reason, admission to the *Discover Year* requires two steps:

- 1 - Completed application form (found here within), including personal statement and references
- 2 - Interview (for candidates who advance to the interview stage on the basis of their application)

Below are some of the admissions criteria we will be using to assess applicants.

Basic Criteria for admission:

- High school diploma (as of June 2016)
- 18-22 years old (as of Dec. 31, 2016)

Most important traits we are looking for in applicants:

- **Willingness to learn** (intellectual curiosity)
- **Openness to experience** (open mindedness, willingness to try new things)
- **Integrity** (honesty; upholds ethical standards)
- **Team player**
- **Positive attitude**

Application Requirements

1. Personal Statement:

Applicants should submit a two-page personal statement outlining the following:

- a. Reasons why they want to participate in the *Discover Year* program
- b. How they exemplify each of the characteristics listed above (provide examples)

2. Letters of reference:

Applicants are required to submit two confidential letters of reference (to be sent directly to MentorU from the referee themselves), one of which must come from within the educational setting, and one which can come from any adult outside of your family.

All documents can be submitted electronically to info@mentorU.ca or in hard copy to:

MentorU
241 Royal Gala Pkt.
Ottawa, ON
K1B 1C7

3. Interview:

Our admissions committee will select candidates to be interviewed based on an assessment of the above documents. Brief interviews will be scheduled based on availability of all parties.

Application Deadlines: 2016-2017

1st Round

- Application deadline: January 20, 2016
- Interviews: February 2016
- Offers of admission: beginning in March 2016

2nd Round * *

- Application deadline: June 5, 2016
- Interviews: will be conducted on an on-going basis (as required) in the second round of admissions
- Offers will also be extended on an on-going basis in the second round

* * Please note that there are a limited number of spaces available in the program, and there is no guarantee that spaces will be available in the second round.

Once an offer of admission has been received, a non-refundable deposit of \$600 is required to hold your place in the program

Applicant Information

First Name:	Last Name:
Street Address:	City:
Province:	Postal Code:
Date of Birth (mm/dd/year):	Email Address:
Phone number (home):	Phone Number (cell):
High school:	Graduation date (actual or expected):