

## **STEMCorps Mentoring FAQ**

### What is the STEMCorps Mentoring Program

- STEMCorps aims to address barriers and increase access to build toward a workforce of diverse critical thinkers and problem-solvers
- We provide early STEM education to BIPOC youth through local community partner programs, including Boys and Girls Club of America

### Who: Community Minded Professionals Needed

- Scientists, engineers, technologists-- all STEM professionals from every ethnic background
- Special connections to Black/Brown/Women identifying affinity groups

### What is the STEM Mentoring Sessions Timeline?

- Recruitment season from June 1 through Aug 31, 2022
- Mentor sessions begin mid-October, 2022 through May 2023
- Two mentor sessions per month / 1-hour each, bi-weekly

### Where Do STEM Mentor Sessions Take Place?

- All meetings are conducted virtually via GroupWorld, a digital whiteboard platform which connects mentors and mentees through video and audio.
- Option to participate in-person during end of year Science Fair (pending COVID safety protocols)

### How are STEM Mentor Sessions Conducted?

- We match mentor-mentee pairs using a lookbook with photos & bios to identify commonalities
- Activity kits are mailed directly to mentor home address several months in advance
- Mentee sessions are monitored on site by CuriOdyssey Education team
- Mentee, Slack, and tech support provided at each session

### Our Why is Two-fold

- To inspire a love for science and curiosity about the world around us to create a brighter future
- To build a bridge between science education and access, increasing the number of science-fluent youth from underrepresented backgrounds

### STEM Mentor Requirements:

- Professional experience working in a STEM career
- Desire to increase equity and access for high-potential youth from underrepresented communities
- 1 academic-year commitment mid-October 2022 - May 2023

### Onboarding Process:

- Complete Mentor Application
- Review pre-recorded Mentor Presentation
- Submit Video Interview
- Complete reference and background checks
- Attend (2) required mentor training sessions