



In 3 months mentor the scholar who would change the world

## Mentor Guide

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# 1. Description

## 1.1 What is “ScholarX” ?

Founded by Sustainable Education Foundation, the ScholarX is a 3 month program for Sri Lankan students who would like to get free premium mentoring during their study period. ScholarX program will also connect Sri Lankans who live all around the world, making the program for Sri Lankans who are living abroad to contribute directly to Sri Lankan students and the education system. These mentors are “experts” in their respective fields.

## 1.2 Why “ScholarX” ?

There are two reasons to start the ScholarX program.

Reason 1- There is no proper mentoring platform for Sri Lankan students. Also there is no proper mechanisms for Sri Lankan students to connect with expert Sri Lankans who are living abroad.

Reason 2- There is no proper platform for Sri Lankans who lives abroad to share their knowledge with the Sri Lankan students.

In order to address these two problems we started the program.

## 2. Program Structure

Action	Dates / Time Frame	Description/Links
Announce the mentor list	<start date> - 2 Week	This will be done via our social media pages, website and the mailing list.
Call for "ScholarX" applications	1 month	This will be done via our social media pages, website and the mailing list.
Filter the applicants and send emails for selected individuals and mentors with instructions.	1 week	The mentors have the choice to pick students from the application list. Otherwise the program manager will select the students and send the details to the mentor.
Create a Facebook group adding the mentors and the mentees.		
Kick off the mentor program		
Mid Evaluation	1.5 months	Evaluation will be done by the program manager and he/she will get feedback from the mentor with regard the students performance. Student needs to pass this stage to complete the program.
End evaluation	1.5 months	This will be similar to the mid evaluation where the students who finish the program successfully will be given a certification of completion and will be inducted as a ScholarX.

### 3. Guide Lines

- Discuss with your mentee for a medium communication. Following platforms can be used for communication.
  - Skype
  - Messenger
  - Hangouts
- Have a set date and time in the week for the call with the mentee.
- We expect you to have at least 6 “official” contacts with your mentee throughout the 3 months time. 12 contacts would be ideal and you are more than welcome to have any number of interactions depending on your availability.
- If the mentee is not responding or not committed enough please be kind enough to let the Program Manager know. In that way we can remove the student and give that time to a more committed student.
- The type of mentoring that you give the student is totally dependent on you. Here are some suggestions from our end.
  - Discuss about your life experience for the student to learn through reflection.
  - Guide the student to apply for a competition/scholarship etc
  - Discuss about methods/tools that you use for your work.
  - Career guidance
  - Discuss about a movie/video that you watched or a podcast that you listened.
  - Or simply just talk with them.
- One of the key issues that we have seen with Sri Lankan students is that they lack inspiration and lack of scope with regard to their future. If you can guide them to expand their scope of mind that would be a great achievement.
- Mentees are suppose to “publicly” publish their experience every other week, if you wish to check them before being published please let the mentee and the program manager know beforehand.
- After the program we expect them to give back to their student community as well as to take this mission forward even after their tenure with Sustainable Education Foundation. Therefore, please make sure you give them the idea of “giving back”/“helping others”. Afterall we do not want bunch of talented but selfish set of people, we are looking for talented individuals who would do great things with themselves as well as to the communities that they are part of.

## 4 FAQ

### 4.1 Do you have to live abroad to be a mentor?

No, Anyone can become a mentor. Please do reach out to us. More the merrier.

### 4.2 Do you have to be Sri Lankan to be a mentor?

No, Anyone can become a mentor. Please do reach out to us. We are more than happy to get foreign mentors.

### 4.3 Who can become a ScholarX?

Our priority is given to Sri Lankan Students in Universities and Schools. If we have excess of mentors we can expand in to foreign students as well.

### 4.4 How to apply to become a ScholarX?

We will open up registration soon. Please follow our social media pages to get the latest updates.

## 5. Credits

This section mentions the people who helped to build the program.

1. Chamodi Waidyathilaka - Logo and Logo guideline design.
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## 6. Contact

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