

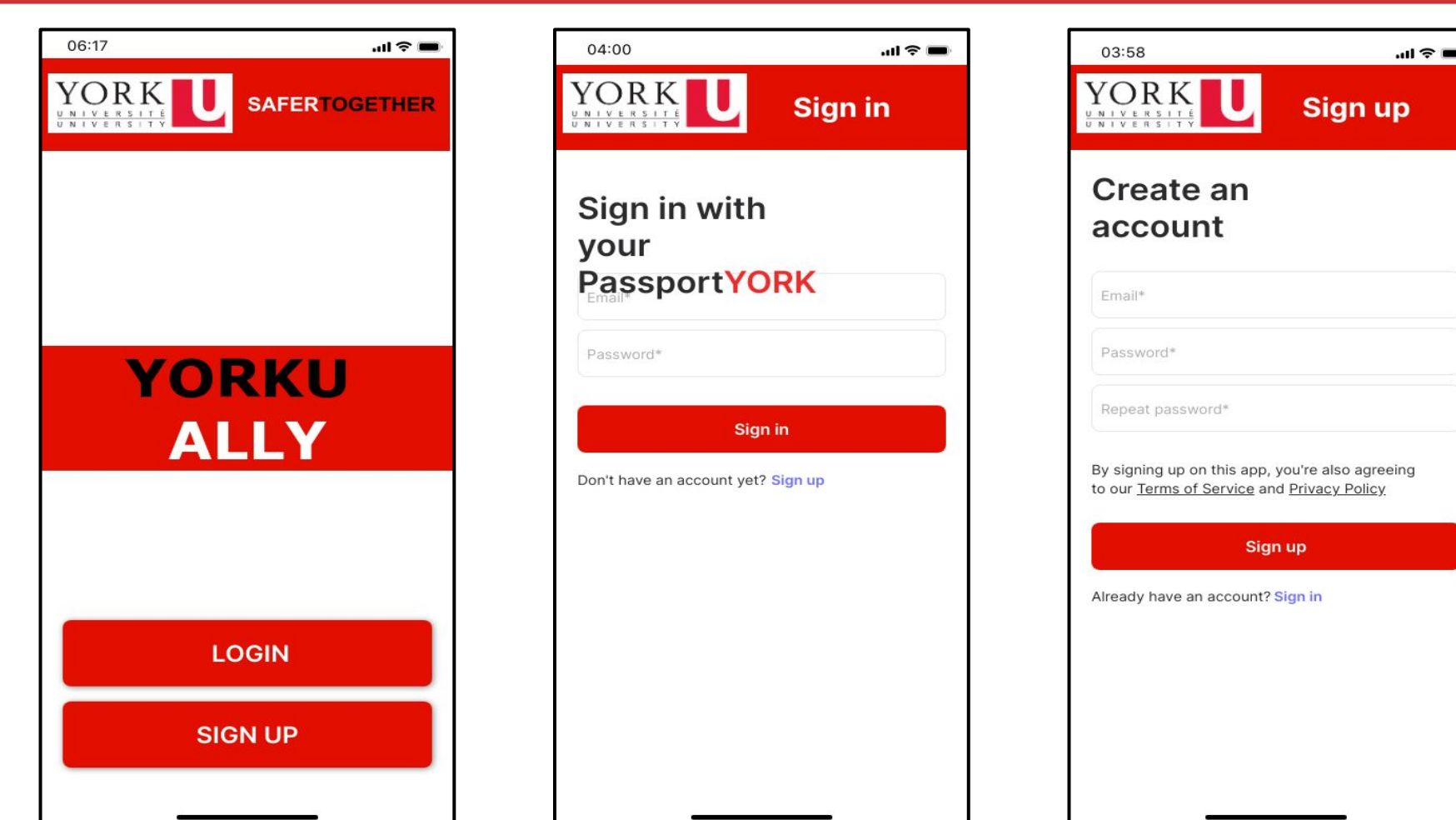
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## Introduction

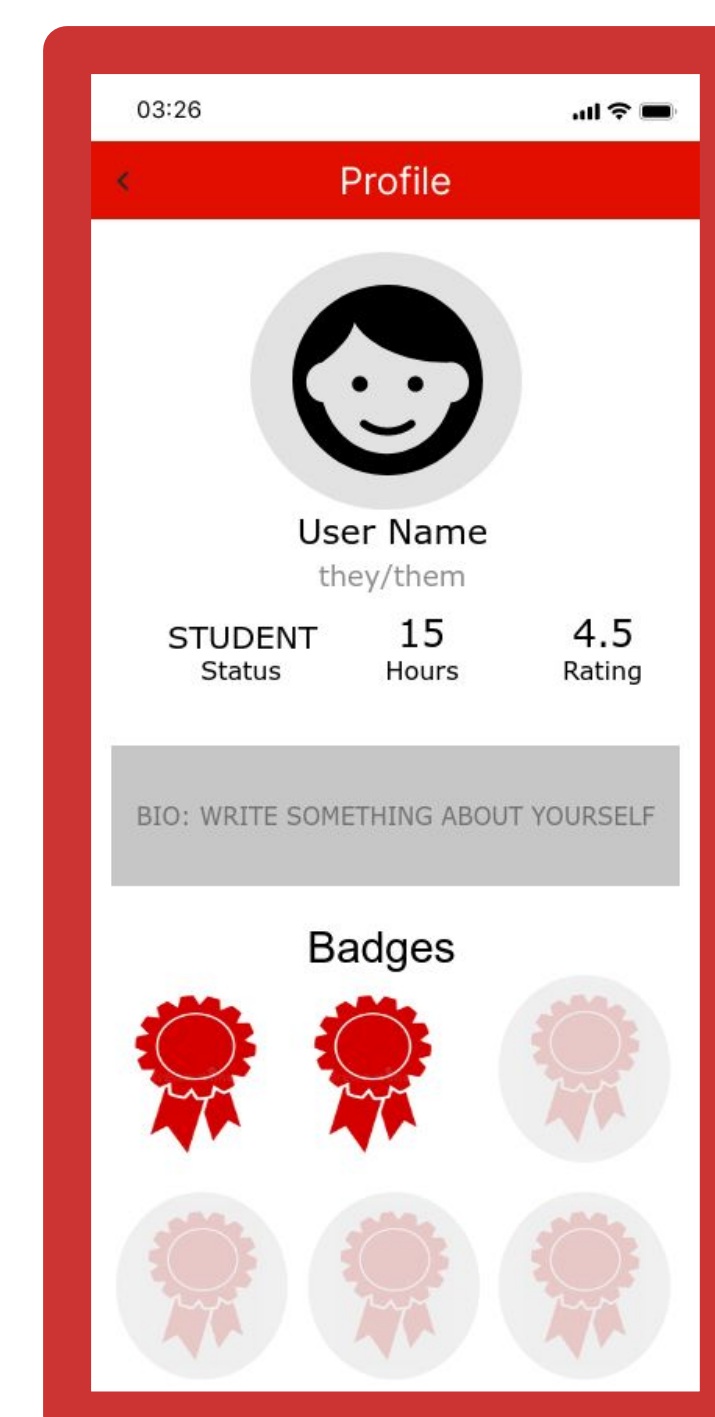
- York University students face many challenges on university grounds, many of which are dismissed as one-time occurrences that limited University resources cannot be allocated towards. Every student has the right to feel protected and heard, regardless of the magnitude of the problem.
- We propose to create an application in which trained students and staff act as allies by volunteering to help students facing problems.
- The application will be run by crowdsourcing.
- We hypothesize that such an application will shed light on many issues, decrease unresolved problems students face, and create a safer environment at York University.

## Results

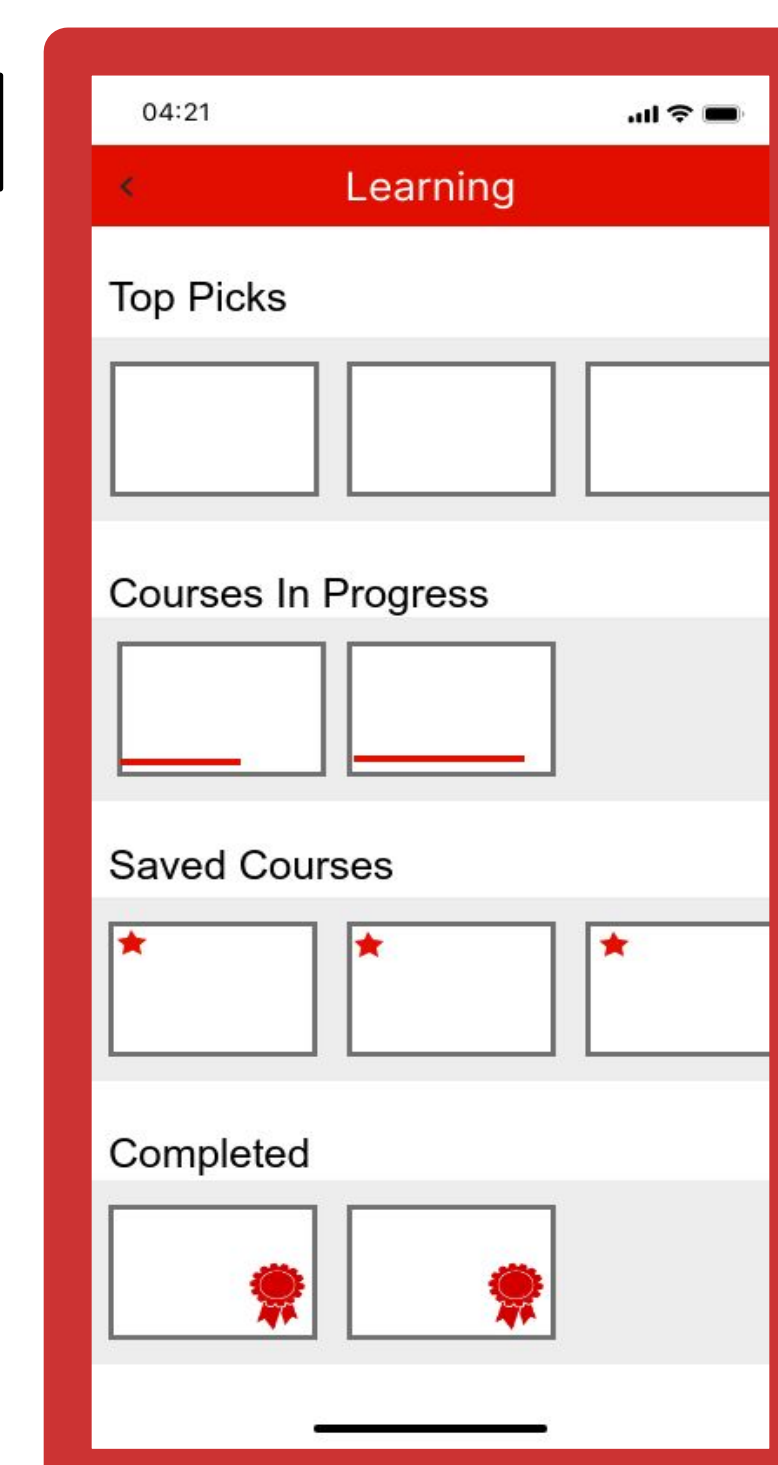
**York U Ally** allows the users an opportunity to request for an ally in the campus as well as learn how to be an active ally in the community. The goal of this app is to educate people on how to be helpful while also making it easier to ask for help from their allies. The 4 main sections of the app are: User Profile, Learning Section, Resources Page and Requesting Ally.



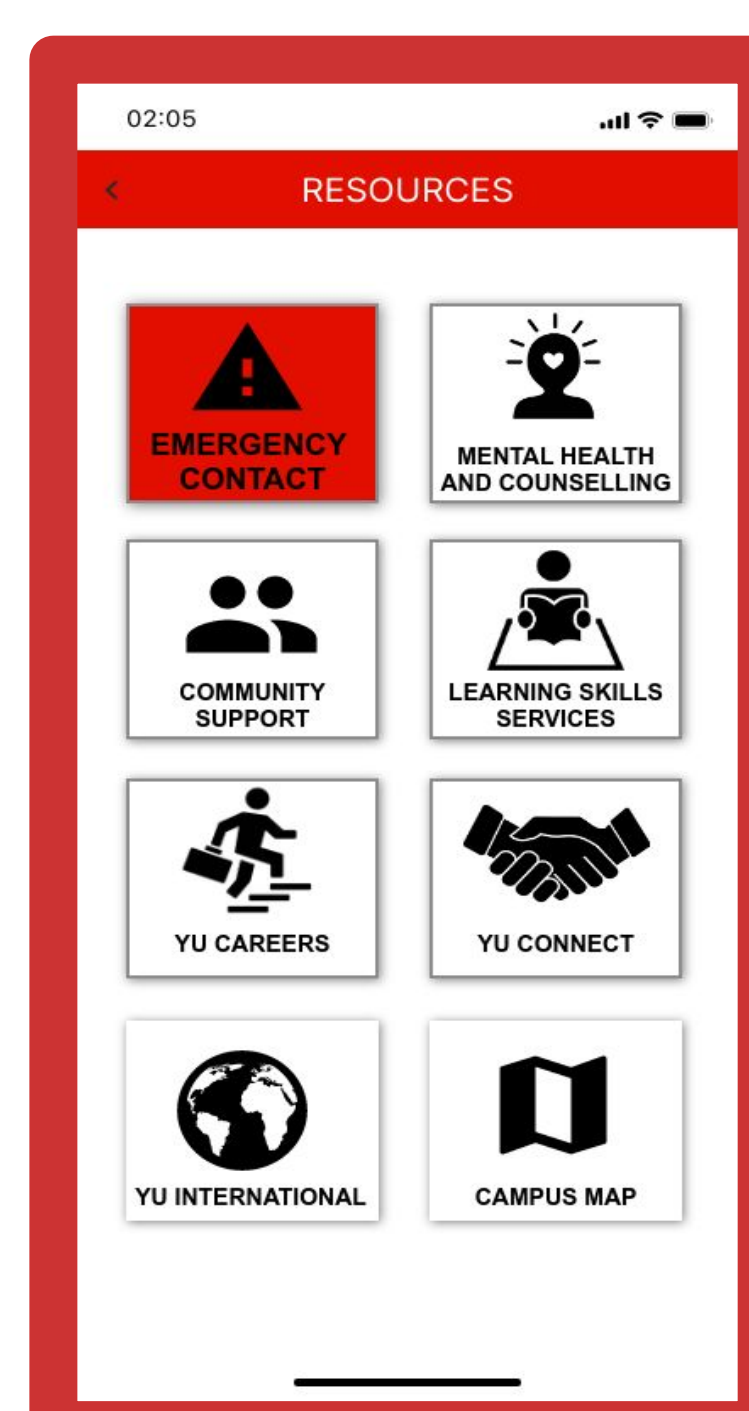
### User Profile



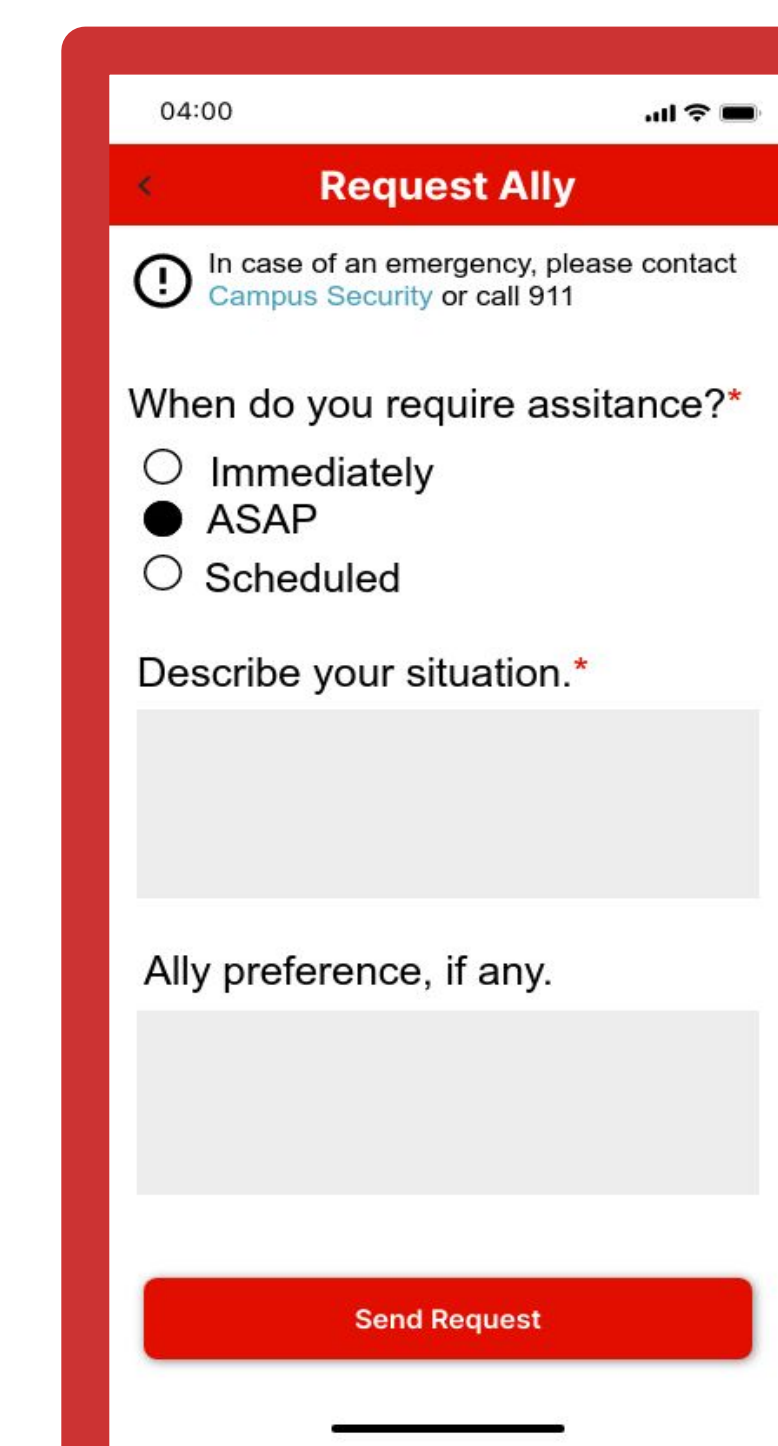
### Learning Section



### Resources Page

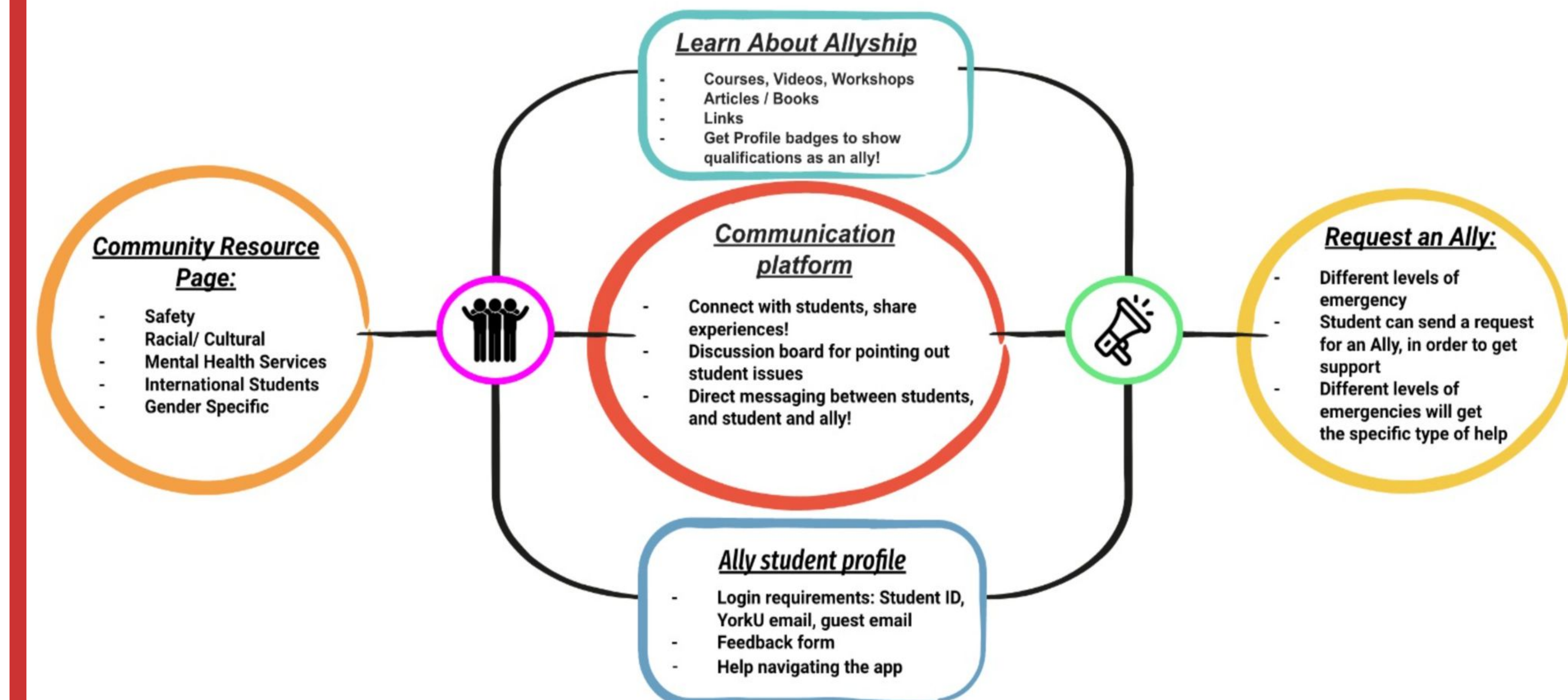


### Requesting Ally



## Methods

### YU Ally App



## Conclusion

**Implications:** The YORK U ALLY application will bring many problems to the attention of allies through its “Requesting Ally” page, and trained allies will be able to promptly attend to issues, thus promoting a more safer and inclusive environment at York University. This will help to strengthen the principles of inclusiveness and safety York University prides itself in as well.

**Limitations:** The application is still under construction, therefore, the actual effectiveness of the application has yet to be determined.

**Future directions:** The application will be developed and presented to the University for approval, after which the application will be launched and upgraded through both implicit and explicit feedback.

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