The Harvard Ed Portal is pleased to announce the 2015 Competition for the Harvard Ed Portal Mentor Award. Harvard undergraduates who are accepted will be eligible to fill mentoring positions as they become available in Summer and Fall 2015, and potentially Spring, 2016. Under the direction of Professor Robert Lue, Mentors fulfill an important community outreach role by working with elementary- to high school-aged students in Allston/Brighton at the Harvard Ed Portal (located at 224 Western Avenue in Allston).

Mentors engage with children of a variety of ages and backgrounds, boosting their interest in and encouraging further exploration of science, writing, public speaking, math, technology and the arts. Mentors have the opportunity to make a critical difference in the lives of students who are having difficulty in school, and provide essential support to academically capable students who seek inspiration and enrichment. In addition, Mentors represent Harvard University to the community members they serve and take part in shaping the curriculum presented at the Ed Portal.

Mentors are expected to participate fully in all aspects of Ed Portal programming, including workshops on teaching and curriculum, and planning and implementing community events. Mentors commit to orientations and full-day retreats at the beginning of each semester; one 4-hour afternoon per week of mentoring; several hours per week for meeting, planning and reporting; additional time preparing and hosting two or more events each semester, and preparing culminating projects with mentees for the Fall and Spring Showcases. Upon completion of their responsibilities, mentors receive an award stipend of $600 for the summer session, or $1000 for a fall or spring semester session.

The Fall 2015 Mentoring Session will begin on Monday, September 28th, include a full-day retreat on Saturday, October 3rd and will end on Sunday, December 6th with the Program Showcase. Summer Mentoring will begin with an orientation and training workshop, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 24th and run through Thursday, August 6th 2015.

To apply, complete the online application and email a resume and cover letter to Ilyana Sawka, Executive Assistant to Professor Robert Lue, at isawka@fas.harvard.edu. The deadline for both Fall and Spring positions is Friday, March 27th 2015. Preference is given to current freshmen and sophomores.
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http://edportal.harvard.edu/

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Harvard Crimson, "Harvard Opens Education Portal in Allston"
(http://www.thecrimson.com/article.aspx?ref=523942)

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