

AI Bootcamp Mentor and Volunteer Overview

Mentors

- play an important role in the bootcamp experience
- will be paired with the same group of students
- do not need to teach or deliver any of the content but do need to be comfortable and excited to work with high school students.
- will facilitate relevant conversations, offer different perspectives, propose new questions, evoke critical thinking skills, and share relevant anecdotes as they see fit.

** As much as possible, we ask mentors to remain consistent across the three days of bootcamp to help develop continuity and consistency. If a mentor is unavailable all three days, we ask them to inform their student group so that they know to expect a new mentor the following week.*

Volunteers

- play a flexible role
- are involved in assisting with food arrangements, setting up and breaking down the bootcamp space, and providing general support to students and mentors.
- can easily be interchanged over the three days of bootcamp.

Informational Meeting and Office Hours:

MCF will hold an informational session for volunteers and mentors on:

- Wednesday, September 9th from 12-1 pm CT
- Registration link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/9EYxQi1tQi-r9Cb4XJGAsQ>

Our Learning Specialists will hold a training session on:

- Wednesday, October 21st from 10-11 am CT

Should volunteers or mentors have any additional questions, the MCF team will host optional drop in office hours during the following time windows:

- Friday, October 30th from 10am -12pm CT
- Friday, November 6th from 10am -12pm CT
- Friday, November 13th from 10am -12pm CT

All volunteers and mentors will receive a calendar invite to these sessions.

Required Online Training:

All volunteers and mentors are required to complete an asynchronous bootcamp training prior to being onsite. They will receive access to the platform in October. This training will cover an introduction to MCF and the AI Bootcamp Program, the logistics of running bootcamp, responsibilities and safety guidelines, best practices for developing positive relationships with students, and curriculum resources.

We expect the training to take approximately one hour in total.

Learning Activities for Mentors:

Prior to bootcamp, volunteers and mentors will be given access to review all of the learning activities covered during bootcamp. **Mentors** should review each activity to check for general understanding of how the activity will work and prepare for how they may prompt students throughout their work. **Volunteers** are welcome to review the learning activities *but are not required*.

During Bootcamp:

During Bootcamp, volunteers and mentors represent both their company and the Mark Cuban Foundation. We expect all adults to be helpful, polite, and enthusiastic about being onsite. The MCF team will be available for online support throughout the bootcamp day.

You can reach us with any questions: volunteers@markcubanai.org