**Inspire Mentor Program**

**Inspire Mentor Volunteer Position Description**

**Program Summary**
The Inspire Mentor Program provides mentors for students from low socio-economic status, regional / remote and Indigenous backgrounds to help raise student aspirations to participate in higher education. Mentoring is delivered either face-to-face or online (e-mentoring) using interactive technology by volunteers. Aboriginal and Torrens Straight Islanders have the opportunity to mentor school students from the same culture. The Inspire Mentor Program has run successfully for over eleven years.

**Program Delivery**
The Inspire Mentor Team, Flinders University

**The Role**
Mentors act as role models for school students by offering encouragement, support and guidance. Mentoring involves informal conversation about shared interests, hobbies and life at school, home and university. Mentoring can be delivered one to one or in a group setting.

**Eligibility**
Open to students from Flinders University, The University of Adelaide, The University of South Australia and TAFE SA (Certificate III and above; Dual Offer and Dual Award) and professionals who hold a University qualification.

**Benefits for Volunteers**
- Enhance career skills (oral communication, active listening, time management and leadership)
- Opportunity to develop professional networks
- An opportunity to give back to the community!

**Location**
Face-to-face mentoring: Conducted on school grounds  
e-Mentoring: Conducted online

**Commitment**
Face-to-face mentoring: One hour per week plus travel time, during school terms  
e-Mentoring: One hour per week, during school terms

**Duration**
At least one school term, ideally for as long as possible

**Training Provided**
- Mentor training
- Responding to Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care (RAN-EC), certified course
- Other professional development opportunities (refer to website)

**Clearance Required**
Child-Related Employment Screening (organized and paid for by the Inspire Mentor Program) and RAN-CE training (provided by the Inspire Mentor Program)

**Application Process**
1. Submit an application online for either Face-to-Face or e-mentoring: [www.flinders.edu.au/inpire](http://www.flinders.edu.au/inpire)  
2. Attend an Interview  
3. Submit a DCSI clearance form  
4. Attend Mentor Training  
5. Attend RAN-EC training  
6. Reference check (if further information required)

**Matching Process**
Based on information provided in the application and the interview, Mentors are matched to mentees by the Inspire Mentor Team, in consultation with schools.