

## Volunteer with Rise!

Do you have professional experience to share? Have you always wanted to give back? Here's your chance to make a difference and help guide aspiring entrepreneurs to launch and/or grow small businesses.

**Become a Rise volunteer and help us empower Canadians with mental health and addiction challenges to achieve greater economic and social inclusion through entrepreneurship!**

*\* Please note that due to COVID-19, all program activities take place virtually. \**

## Become a Small Business Lending Program Mentor

*Virtual & in-person opportunities available across Canada*

Rise [Small Business Lending Program](#) (lending program) mentorship is our most in-depth and hands-on volunteer opportunity. As a lending program mentor, you will put your personal and professional experience to work, helping to guide new and developing entrepreneurs along their journey to build a small business.

Mentors provide one-on-one business advice to Rise lending clients during **one-hour monthly meetings**, with periodic phone and e-mail support as needed.

- **Total time commitment:** 2 to 4 hours monthly for 12 months.

## Become a Youth Small Business Program Coach

*Virtual & in-person opportunities available across Ontario*

As a [Youth Small Business Program](#) (YSBP) coach, you will use your expertise to help teach practical business skills to aspiring young entrepreneurs in Ontario and support them as they develop business plans.

YSBP coaches provide **three, one-on-one in-person business coaching sessions** with program participants over a 10-week period.

YSBP coaches also attend **three, two-hour group business coaching sessions**, as well as a **two-hour pitch event and graduation ceremony** at the end of the program.

*\*Please note that our one-on-one sessions are currently suspended due to the pandemic. All group business coaching sessions and the pitch event/graduation are conducted virtually.*

- **Total time commitment per program cohort:** 6 hours in-class + 2 hours for pitch and graduation event.

## Become an EnterpRISEing Youth Plus Coach

*Virtual opportunities available with Rise across Canada*

Share your expertise and experience as a coach with our virtual [EnterpRISEing Youth Plus Program](#) (EY+) to help aspiring young entrepreneurs learn business basics and develop their plans to launch real-life enterprises.

EY+ coaches attend **three, two-hour group business coaching sessions** over an 8-week period, providing guidance and support to groups of 1 - 4 program participants.

EY+ coaches also attend a **two-hour virtual pitch event and graduation ceremony** at the end of the program.

- **Total time commitment per program cohort:** 6 hours in-class + 2 hours for pitch and graduation event (all virtual).

## Become a Peer Supported Startup Program Coach

*Virtual & in-person opportunities available with Rise Toronto and Rise Mississauga*

The [Peer Supported Startup Program](#) (PSSP) is an opportunity to not only contribute as a business coach, but also as a member of a larger peer network. As a PSSP coach, you will attend in-class sessions and provide support to a group of adult entrepreneurs working together to develop plans for launching and/or growing their individual small businesses.

PSSP coaches provide support to groups of 3 to 6 program participants, **attending four, two-hour group business coaching sessions** over an 8-week period.

PSSP coaches also attend a **two-hour pitch event and graduation ceremony** at the end of the program.

*\*Please note that all PSSP program components are currently run virtually.*

- **Total time commitment per program cohort:** 8 hours in-class + 2 hours for pitch and graduation event

## Become a My Start-Up Coach

*Opportunities available in Toronto*

Run in partnership with the Elizabeth Fry Toronto, as a [My Start-Up Program](#) coach you will help provide entrepreneurship training support to women in need who want to start their own small businesses.

My Startup coaches attend **six, two-hour group business coaching sessions** over the course of an 8-week period.

My Start-Up coaches also attend a **two-hour pitch event and graduation ceremony** at the end of the program.

- **Total time commitment per program cohort:** 12 hours in-class + 2 hours for pitch and graduation event

## Become a Loan Review Committee Member

*Virtual & in-person opportunities available across Canada*

The Rise Loan Review Committee (LRC) is responsible for adjudicating loans above \$2,500 disbursed as a part of our Small Business Lending Program. As a volunteer Loan Review Committee Member, you will provide guidance and advice on how Rise loans are distributed based on business plans submitted by clients.

LRC members spend **2 - 4 hours per month reviewing business plans**, and must attend **one monthly committee meeting (2 - 4 hours)** via video call.

- **Total time commitment:** 4 to 8 hours monthly for 12 months.

## Become a Guest Speaker

We are always looking for skilled and experienced professionals to share their expertise with Rise lending clients and/or training program participants.

There are various opportunities to be a guest speaker during our regular program curriculums, or submit your name to participate in special events throughout the year (i.e. expert panels).

To learn more about becoming a Rise guest speaker, contact us at [info@risehelps.ca](mailto:info@risehelps.ca).