**Live Well San Diego Youth Leadership Team Mentorship Program**

The goal of the Live Well San Diego Youth Leadership Team Mentorship Program is to provide opportunities for members of the Live Well San Diego Youth Leadership Team to learn about, and become meaningfully engaged with, their government.

**COUNTY STAFF PARTICIPATION**

County staff will serve as a mentor for the Youth Leader that they are matched with. In this role, County staff will host a Youth Leader as a mentee and supervise a culminating internship project in their office/department. The mentorship program will run for approximately 3 months between **June 2022 and August 2022**.

Participating staff are required to receive approval from their supervisors.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

County staff will serve as: 1) Mentors and 2) Internship Project Supervisors. Ideal candidates will:

1. Use their knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm to help support and collaborate with youth regardless of the stage in their professional career
2. Have an interest in facilitating youth civic engagement and professional development
3. Have respect for the lived experiences of youth and listen to input from youth
4. Be aware of issues important to youth in San Diego County and support youth’s ability to be a leader in addressing these issues

**EXPECTATIONS**

1. Commit 1-3 hours per week to mentorship
2. Oversee and coordinate an internship project that occupies up to 15 hours/week of the mentee’s time
3. Work with Youth Leaders to identify goals, set expectations, and organize a meeting schedule
4. Introduce the youth to professional networks and opportunities to foster career or academic development
5. Provide guidance, feedback, resources, and a supportive environment
6. Actively engage youth in department goals and projects where relevant

**NOTE:** Mentorships can be in-person, remote, hybrid, include independent projects, trainings, and more. Youth will be compensated for their time through the Live Well San Diego Youth Sector.

**BENEFITS FOR MENTORS:**

- Gain leadership, supervisory, and mentorship skills
- Gain youth perspective into mentor’s departments and programs
- Connect the next generation to their government and community
- Invest in and pass along institutional knowledge to young people in the region
- Share professional experience and knowledge

Submit an interest form here by **Friday, May 20th**.