UNIVERSITY TUTORS
FOR SEATTLE SCHOOLS

BOARD OPPORTUNITY

University Tutors of Seattle Schools (UTSS) is actively seeking experienced, passionate, and fearless board members to help guide the organization as it grows.

OUR IMPACT

UTSS pairs college and adult tutors with public schools to support underserved students and their teachers, thereby improving educational outcomes and providing meaningful jobs in our community

OUR STORY

"University Tutors" began as a professor's vision. He believed that undergraduate and graduate students of Seattle's universities could bring untapped academic talent and relational energy to support student achievement in Seattle Public School (SPS) classrooms.

During its inaugural year in 2012, UTSS served 14 schools. By referral alone from school administrators and staff, UTSS has consistently expanded our school partnerships and at the end of 2020, will have partnered with 30 SPS school sites. UTSS has consistently been a trusted partner of the City of Seattle's Education Levies, most often selected as a community based organization with whom schools choose to partner.

Over the past eight years UTSS has placed over 400 tutors in SPS classrooms, providing over 250,000 hours of support. As COVID forced school closures this spring, UTSS was one of the first organizations to be approved to provide remote learning support. Throughout the closures, UTSS has collaborated with school partners to learn, implement, provide, and share best practices for online tutoring and will expand this support going forward.

OUR PROGRAMS TODAY

UTSS tutors support partner schools across Seattle in various ways. UTSS believes that school staff are the true experts of their students' needs and therefore, UTSS tutors work as directed by school staff to support identified students.

At Northgate Elementary, tutors run small group reading interventions, supplementing "remote" classroom literacy instruction. Ingraham High School tutors are supporting summer credit retrieval, shepherding small groups of students through online learning platforms and supporting their social and emotional needs as well.

Teachers and tutors work together to support students and collectively are able to provide more individualized instruction to each student.

WHAT MAKES UTSS UNIQUE

- UTSS supports SPS students while providing school-based experience to tutors (many of whom are actively preparing for or interested in pursuing careers in education).
- Tutors contribute to instruction through authentic collaboration with teachers and staff.
- UTSS is an affordable option for schools to hire additional support staff members to work with students and staff during the school day
- Students build valuable relationships with near peer, college mentors.

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WHO WE'RE LOOKING FOR

AN HONOR TO SERVE ON THE BOARD

UTSS board members will have the privilege of working collaboratively to advise and support a dynamic and quickly growing organization. The Board will come together to provide strategic direction and oversight as we consider expansion options and respond to the current evolving local, national, and world environment.

UTSS NEEDS YOU IF...

- You have prior experience in the public education landscape and are passionate about supporting students and educators in Seattle Public Schools
- You are excited about the growth and future potential of UTSS' work in a changing educational environment
- You live or work in the communities we serve
- You identify with or reflect the diversity of our school communities
- You communicate well and are able to expand our connections between diverse partners and potential supporters
- You have the time and energy to spend 5-8 hours a month doing board work, attending board meetings, and being an ambassador for UTSS in your community

WE ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN TALKING TO YOU IF...

- You have prior non-profit board experience and are ready to bring your experience and insight to another organization
- You are an experienced fundraiser and enthusiastic about sharing your skills
- You are a strategist eager to direct a small, nimble organization and are undaunted by uncertainty
- You have experience working to increase opportunities for underserved youth

INTERESTED IN JOINING US?

UTSS is seeking to bring on new board members to serve two-year terms beginning Fall 2020.
Please email info@utforss.org with any questions and to receive the online application.
Interested candidates must complete an application and will be interviewed by our Recruiting Team.

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