



# VOLUNTEER WITH THE CHIEF SCIENCE OFFICERS OF SOUTHERN OREGON

## WHAT IS THE CHIEF SCIENCE OFFICER PROGRAM?

The Chief Science Officer Program (CSO) aims to increase student voice and develop youth leaders in the STEM\* community by peer-electing students in grades 6-12. **The CSO program is leading a school cultural change that creates a focus on STEM – which is critical to our future economic vitality.**

## WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THE CSO PROGRAM?

Cultivate yours and the region's quality of future STEM workforce

Enrich middle and high school STEM culture and career awareness

Increase student voice in STEM conversations at schools and in the community

Enhance the workforce and employability skills of secondary student CSOs

Increase the engagement of STEM professionals and community partners with STEM education



## HOW CAN BUSINESSES GET INVOLVED? —————>

**15-20 Jedi Mentors** needed for the 2017-2018 season, please **commit by June 30, 2017.**

**Time commitment** is **10 hours** total, one hour per month during the school year.

Lead a training session at the CSO Leadership Institute at Southern Oregon University on **August 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2017.** **Time commitment** is **2 hours.**

Host CSOs at your organization's site, requires a one-time **2-5 hour time commitment.**

## HOW DO I SIGN UP?

**Contact Allison Sweeney at:**  
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**Sign up on Oregon Connections:**  
<https://oregonconnections.nepris.com/inpersons/detail/index/491>

**Find out more on:** [chiefscienceofficers.org](http://chiefscienceofficers.org)

\*STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Math



# WHAT DOES A JEDI MENTOR DO?

As a Jedi Mentor you will be partnered with two CSOs at a single school site for the duration of a school year. During the school year you will meet with them to offer advice, real world expertise, join them at events as needed, and inspire them as they work to inspire STEM-learning in their community.

## Qualifications:

Passionate about mentoring youth, have 21st century skills or other experience that CSOs can benefit from, serve as real world connection to the workforce.

## Time Commitment & Responsibilities:

Meet with CSOs on a **monthly** basis to support their on and off campus action plans, attend Jedi Mentor training at CSO Summer Institute in August 2017 (**one-hour commitment**), serve as a coach to CSOs to help them develop real world skills, validate the importance of the CSO role at your assigned school and in the community. A Jedi Mentor will volunteer an **average of ten hours** over the course of a school year.

**\*Must pass Federal Background Check\***

# WHAT DOES LEADING A TRAINING SESSION ENTAIL?

CSOs will attend a summer Leadership Institute at Southern Oregon University on **August 15-16, 2017**. Here, they will attend sessions related to STEM-skills and leadership development. We need passionate volunteers to lead sessions and/or speak at the Institute regarding their expertise.

## Qualifications:

Institute sessions range from hands on learning activities to leading a session on professional communication. Specifically, we are looking for folks to lead sessions regarding: STEM experiences, PR/Networking, Strategic Planning, Problem Solving, Public Speaking, Budgeting, Marketing, Communication, and Professionalism.

## Time Commitment:

**2 hours** – each session will be one hour and will be taught to two groups of CSOs. With prep work, this commitment might move towards 4 hours.

# WHAT ARE OTHER WAYS I CAN SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM?

Host CSOs at your organization's site: give them a tour, talk to them about the important work you do and how you got there, show interest in their perspectives, offer suggestions for how to make their year as CSOs successful.

Donate funding or in-kind resources to help offset the cost of the CSO Program.

Connect other local businesses and industry folk with the CSO Program.

Open your doors and minds to the student voices of Southern Oregon by validating the importance of the CSO program and sharing this opportunity to engage with youth with your partners and colleagues.

