

# BECOME AN UPSKILL PROGRAM MENTOR

## Support the Early Childhood Teachers of tomorrow through the Upskill Mentoring Program!

Many of us have experienced challenges navigating our career path and have benefited from the help and advice that a mentor can provide.

Mentoring is a great way for you to give back, through the expertise and experience you've accumulated, to support the next generation of Early Childhood Teachers (ECTs). The Upskill Program, an initiative of the Front Project, has been created to support students through the application and enrolment process, period of study and graduation with a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education.

The Upskill Program works with the early childhood education and care sector to develop and strengthen workforce potential and improve the quality of early childhood teaching in Australia.

Mentoring is a core component of the Upskill Program. We believe the best way for students to learn how to navigate through the sector and their careers is by connecting with mentors who have been through this process and can answer their questions from experience.

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We invite you to register your interest in becoming a mentor. You will not only be making a difference in the lives of current students, but ultimately, the children they educate in the future! Please send all expressions of interest to [upskill@thefrontproject.org.au](mailto:upskill@thefrontproject.org.au).

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[www.thefrontproject.org.au/initiatives/upskill](http://www.thefrontproject.org.au/initiatives/upskill)

### What does mentoring look like?

- Mentors and students are matched to form a mentoring group
- Mentors facilitate and run group mentoring sessions with students
- Mentoring groups will meet for four sessions and discuss areas based on needs identified by the group
- Sessions can be conducted online or in-person, if practical

### Who are mentors?

- Experienced current and former ECTs
- Open-minded, kind and empathetic individuals who understand mentoring is as much about learning as leading

### What are the supports for mentors?

- Mentors will be compensated for their time
- Two training sessions are provided for all mentors joining the program
- Mentors will be connected for peer-to-peer support
- A dedicated Upskill Program Manager is only an email or call away!

### Why mentor?

- Expand your leadership skills
- Nurture the next generation of teachers
- Become energised and inspired by interacting with a diverse group of students