



## **brightspot's Council of Student Advisors**

brightspot strategy is seeking curious, caring, and driven college students with a diverse range of racial and socio-economic backgrounds and life experiences from across the country to serve on our Council of Student Advisors (CSA).

The CSA will create a learning loop between students and our team, as we broaden the conversation and interaction with students from an institutional conversation to a national one. Students who serve on this CSA will hold us accountable for creating a more equitable and inclusive student experience. In exchange, the students on this council will gain valuable experience, mentorship, and skills to support change at their institutions - along with compensation for their time.

Students can expect to meet once to twice a month for 2-3 hours each time. Meetings will be remote, held on Zoom, and integrate remote collaboration tools such as Mural, Google Slides, and dscout, which will be provided to students by brightspot. The total expected time contribution is at most 40 hours for all meetings and preparatory work occurring over 8 months. CSA members' independent work time to complete a project at their institution will vary based on the project and their availability.

Participants will be paid a stipend of \$800 for the eight month commitment. One half of the stipend will be distributed the first week of December at the halfway point, the other will be distributed at the completion of the CSA term in May 2021.

Participants can expect to learn how to conduct research and create insights, identify a problem to solve at their institution, and then propose and prototype potential solutions. Additional details of the curriculum and program to follow.

A typical Zoom meeting might consist of:

- Presentation of current initiatives by brightspot
- Informal and formal feedback from Council of Student Advisors
- Introduction to design thinking tools and case studies to illustrate the application of a tool
- Real-world opportunities at their Institution where Council members can apply learnings and tools in collaborative initiatives

Responsibilities:

- Commit to all 8 months and attend all meetings (at most 40 hours for all meetings and preparatory work occurring over 8 months). Students will be allowed to miss one meeting if a conflict arises.
- Be willing to participate in group discussion and share personal experiences as a student
- Identify what's shaping their personal and the overall student experience

- Work on individual and group assignments outside of meetings
- Conduct independent work (e.g. conduct interviews, observe people, etc.)

The ideal candidate is:

- 1st to 4th year college student working toward a degree in the United States
- Reliable and committed to attending all workshops and meetings
- Interested in learning about higher education and/or brightspot's work
- Passionate about improving some aspect of student experience at their institution
- Interested in receiving mentorship
- Excited and open to new experiences and sharing ideas
- Has demonstrated resourcefulness and a willingness to learn new skills
- Has a good attitude and is a flexible team player
- Takes pride in seeing the final outcome of the program

Opportunity to apply as a team:

- If you would like to have a local team member to work with, we encourage you to ask a classmate or friend at your college or university to apply as well. Please list your team member's name on the application.
- If you do not have a team member don't worry! We'll make sure you always have support and someone to work with.

Technology needs:

- brightspot will work to support candidates that do not have the technology required but are interested in applying.

Interested in applying for the CSA? Click [here](#). Our application deadline is July 15, 2020