

Mentorship with Access Community Capital Fund

Who we are:

The Access Community Capital Fund (“ACCF”), a Canadian Registered Charity, is a community loan fund granting micro-loans to local entrepreneurs with viable business ideas. First time loans are \$5,000 and helps promising entrepreneurs access financing not available through traditional sources. We are committed to promoting community economic development through entrepreneurship.

What Mentors help to achieve:

ACCF has recently launched a bigger and broader mission of expanding our microfinance model across various communities in the GTA. Part of this overall strategic initiative is key foundational building in the area of client support. The objective will be to assist new entrepreneurs with their business during the challenging start-up period and to help our organization achieve the highest possible intake as well as repayment rates.

The Mentorship Team:

ACCF mentors assist our clients in the application stage as well as during the repayment phase to achieve specific business objectives. They offer a wide range of expertise and work one on one with our clients on a request basis.

Skills Applicable:

- Demonstrated strength or professional experience in a particular discipline (personal finance, accounting, marketing, IT or general entrepreneurial experience)
- Ability to construct and develop a business plan
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Knowledge of local community resources for entrepreneurs
- Experience working with disadvantaged communities
- Experience in a coaching, training or leadership capacity
- Proficiency in other languages an asset

Expected Commitment:

The Mentorship Committee meets once a quarter. Members are expected to contribute an additional 5-10 hours a month responding to mentorship requests, client follow-up and documentation.