

## Global Ideas Institute 2013-14

Asian Institute

### **\*\* Call for Volunteer Mentors \*\***

The Global Ideas Institute is a joint venture between the Asian Institute at the Munk School of Global Affairs and University of Toronto Schools (UTS) to provide intensive research and learning opportunities to high school students in the Toronto area. Throughout the year, high school students undertake readings, attend a speaker series, and collaborate with professors and volunteer mentors on a 'real-world problem.'

This year, the GII challenge is focused on child malnutrition in India – where a third of the world's malnourished children live. To address the nutritional and developmental needs of its children, the Government of India launched a federal program called the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), which included the Supplementary Nutrition Program (SNP) initiative to distribute nutritious meals through *anganwadi* centres (government sponsored child and mother-care centres). The students' challenge is to create a strategy to improve the feasibility, sustainability, and scalability of profitable, locally operated enterprises that supply nutritious food to these *anganwadi* centres across India.

Volunteer mentors will help students understand their assigned readings and will guide students' intellectual development through monthly discussion groups after the GII speaker series. In April 2014, student teams will present their strategy at a final Symposium featuring a panel of experts in the field of health and development.

Please visit the [Global Ideas Institute \(www.utoronto.ca/ai/gii\)](http://www.utoronto.ca/ai/gii) website for more information.

### **Mentor Application Instructions**

We are seeking U of T students from any academic discipline to be mentors. No background in food security, nutrition, or development is required, but mentorship or facilitation experience is a strong asset. Students from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) are encouraged to apply.

If you are interested, please send a Resume and a 1-page Cover Letter to Bev Bradley (GII Co-Manager) at [bev.bradley@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:bev.bradley@mail.utoronto.ca) by **Wednesday Sept 25, 2013, 5:00PM.**

In your cover letter, please answer the following questions *only*:

- 1) Why do you want to be a mentor for the Global Ideas Institute?
- 2) What mentoring and/or facilitation experience do you have that would be relevant to this position?
- 3) What unique skills/knowledge do you believe you would bring to the GII program this year?

Note: only mentors selected for an interview will be contacted.