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Hello,

The UBC Inclusive Campus team would like to invite you to participate in the Clinical Mentorship Program (CMP) for students with disabilities.

**Inclusive Campus** is an inter-professional research team working to increase inclusiveness of students with disabilities in the health and human service professional disciplines. We are currently working with the following programs: Medicine, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Social Work, and Teacher Education.

In the past year we conducted interviews and focus groups with students and stakeholders (clinicians, practicum supervisors, faculty, staff and professional college registrars) from the above professions. Some barriers we identified includes the lack of awareness among stakeholders of the day-to-day challenges that students in these professional programs face; stigma and persistent lack of understanding of invisible disabilities; and the need to help manage barriers when on placement and in the workplace.

One of the potential solutions we identified is providing students with disabilities a clinician mentor - clinicians who themselves live with a disability who can share their experience in negotiating barriers in their workplace and potential strategies for managing these barriers.

#### **Who can participate?**

Health and Human Service Professionals who:

- Identify as living with a disability (e.g. learning disability, physical or mental health disability)
- Work in one of the following professions: Medicine, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Social Work, and Teacher Education
- Have at least 2 years of professional work experience

#### **What would be your role?**

- To provide one-to-one mentorship to a student from one of the above programs at UBC, who lives with a disability and expressed interest in the CMP
- Act as an experienced and knowledgeable guide

Time investment would vary and will be agreed upon in advance between the mentor and the mentee.

**Interested? Have some questions?** Please contact us at [inclusive.campus@ubc.ca](mailto:inclusive.campus@ubc.ca). We would love to hear from you and to discuss your participation in the Clinical Mentorship Program.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to hearing from you!

On behalf of the Inclusive Campus team,

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