The Mentor’s Role

Mentors work alongside the team educator (a classroom teacher, afterschool program leader, homeschool educator, or parent) and act as a coach and role model. They provide guidance, connections between academic concepts and real-life, and technical assistance to the middle school team members.

What Do Mentors Do?

Future City is student-led, but mentors are an integral part of the team. You could:

- Explore research resources with the team
- Read the team’s City Essay and offer feedback
- Help the team polish their City Presentation script
- Practice Q&A with the team
- Share information about your career
- Be a sounding board for the team’s ideas
- Help the team determine a scale for their City Model

Mentors Have Diverse Backgrounds

Are you an engineer or technician? An urban planner or architect? Are you an undergrad or graduate student studying a related field? Join our community of mentors!

“A Being involved in Future City has been very rewarding. I shared my professional knowledge about sustainability, architecture, and planning - while watching the students get excited about what they were learning and future careers. This is a wonderful program that allows kids to problem solve some of the big questions our cities will face in the future.”

- Kristin Schuster, Architect & Future City Mentor

A VIRTUAL option this year!

The work of Future City can be done by teams either in-person or virtually for the 2021-2022 program cycle.

Details on whether some parts of the competition will take place in-person will be announced later in the year. Regardless though, mentoring can often be done remotely.

Great Reasons to Volunteer:

- Share your passion for your career.
- Make a lasting impression on kids.
- Inspire the next generation.
- It’s fun!

Learn more and register today!