

## English Conversation Mentor

**Volunteer Job Title:** English Conversation Mentor Volunteer

**Reports To:** ESOL Program Coordinator

**Time Commitment:** Minimum 15 minutes per week; flexible scheduling.

**Duration:** Minimum semester long commitment

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### Position Summary:

Help change lives with just one phone call! Our ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) program is growing, and we're seeking dedicated volunteer mentors to support students in Suriname and Ecuador who are working hard to improve their English skills. These learners are currently at a B1 level, progressing toward B1+, and they need regular conversation practice to build fluency and confidence. We welcome mentors of all backgrounds — and would especially love to see more men join our team!

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### Key Responsibilities:

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- Connect with one student by phone once or twice a week
- Calls are flexible — even 15 minutes can make a big impact
- Offer encouragement and help students practice everyday communication

Suggested Conversation Activities

- Share stories about daily life, hobbies, and interests
  - Explore traditions, food, and cultural experiences
  - Role-play real-life scenarios (e.g., ordering food, asking for directions)
  - Discuss short news stories or personal opinions
  - Ask and answer a “question of the day”
  - Teach and practice useful phrases, idioms, and pronunciation
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### Qualifications:

- Fluent in English (native or near-native proficiency).
  - Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
  - Patience, empathy, and cultural sensitivity.
  - Dependable and punctual.
  - Prior teaching/tutoring experience is helpful but not required.
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### Benefits:

- Your time and voice can open doors to education, employment, and personal growth for someone eager to learn. A simple conversation can be a powerful investment in someone's future.
- Gain experience in education, tutoring, and cross-cultural communication.