

# Explanation of Why SOURCE Is *Not* Currently Accepting New Tutoring and Mentoring Partners

Due to our policies on mutual expectations and partnership criteria, SOURCE cannot partner with every community-based organization (CBO) that submits application materials. Unfortunately, this particularly prevents us from currently accepting new tutoring & mentoring partners. There are several reasons for this:

## 1. Duplication

Because we strive to maintain a diversity of CBOs in our network, taking on additional tutoring & mentoring CBOs would dilute our efforts to serve existing partners with the same needs. SOURCE has already committed to a variety of tutoring and mentoring organizations, and they are still in need of further support.

## 2. Limited student availability and interest

Students at the Johns Hopkins University Schools of Medicine, Nursing, and Public Health are limited by demanding schedules, and tend to prioritize community involvement opportunities that are directly related to their studies. In many cases, tutoring and mentoring falls outside of this category. Our students are health professional students, working on masters and doctoral degrees. Additionally, many students seek to engage in community activities located within close proximity to campus. Students do not wish to spend much time traveling to and from their community partner sites.

## 3. Concern about mutual benefit

One of SOURCE's central tenets is ensuring mutual benefit to both CBOs and our students. Increasing competition will ultimately detract from our ability to recruit committed students to work with our existing tutoring and mentoring partners.

Organizations that would like to partner with SOURCE in the future are encouraged to contact our center next year, as changes in our partnership network may allow us to consider new tutoring & mentoring CBOs in the future. Please contact SOURCE (410-955-3880) or visit our website (<http://www.jhsph.edu/source/audiences/CBOs/BecomePartner.html>) for updates.



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