

## Venture Consultant

LearnServe believes in the power of young people to create change. Through the Seeding Social Innovation program, LearnServe equips middle and high school teachers with curriculum and technical support to bring social entrepreneurship into the classroom. Students are challenged to imagine creative solutions to local and global social problems. They develop business, leadership, and social-emotional skills that allow them to translate ideas into action through the development of their own social venture projects.

### Why Venture Consultants?

Venture Consultants provide additional support to teachers and their students by further helping to plant the seeds of social innovation. They bring additional perspectives, experience, energy and thought to help students grow their ideas. By bringing external support into the classroom volunteers strengthen and validate the student experience.

### What do Venture Consultants do?

Over the course of the school year, Venture Consultants visit classrooms monthly, for 1-2 hours during the school day, and advise student teams at pivotal moments in their venture design process. LearnServe pairs Venture Consultants with participating middle and high schools to work directly with students and teachers. Volunteers may help students to:

- Frame their problem and research questions
- Ideate to craft innovative and realistic solutions
- Refine their venture pitch

### Venture Consultant Responsibilities

#### Before Your Venture Consultant Session

1. First time volunteers will be trained.
2. Your organization will receive an email connecting you with the teacher you will be working with.
3. Sign and turn in the following to [Lauren@learn-serve.org](mailto:Lauren@learn-serve.org)
  - a. Media Release Form

#### On The Day of Venture Consultant Session

1. Ensure that you have photo ID and materials to take notes
2. Arrive at your Session 10-15 minutes early
3. Sign in at the Main Office of the building designating yourself as a LearnServe volunteer
4. Wear the nametag given to you by the office

#### After your Venture Consultant Session

1. Fill out the Seeding Social Innovation Volunteer Assessment Form
2. Fill out the Teacher Feedback Form

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Lauren Jordan at [Lauren@learn-serve.org](mailto:Lauren@learn-serve.org)