



BOSTON LIBRARY CONSORTIUM

BLC Mentors | 2025 Mentee Application

Application deadline: Applications must be submitted by Friday, March 28, 2025, 12 PM ET.

How do I apply? Submit your application via the form linked [here](#).

Who can I turn to with questions? Reach out to Cate Harriman, BLC Program Manager, Learning and Development, at charriman@blc.org with any questions.

Application Form

Name:


Email:

Title:

Department:

Institution:

Years in Profession:

Upload your current resume or CV here. 

I agree to uphold the Community Agreements of the Boston Library Consortium should I be selected to participate in BLC Mentors:

Community Agreements

BLC provides a safe space to share, connect, and learn from our intersectional and diverse community in support of professional and personal development.

- Be mindful of the intersectional nature of identity.
- Be present and curious.
- Be relational before transactional.
- Be mindful of organizational power dynamics in the group, and commit to non-retaliation.
- Take space. / Make space.
- Use “I” statements and speak from personal experience.
- Lean into tension. / Engage with hard stories. Practice self-care; it’s okay to leave if needed.
- Presume good intent. / Attend to the impact. / Hold accountable, do not judge.

- The goal is not to agree, but to gain deeper understanding.
- Remember that language is personal, cultural, and generational -- a word I might use to describe myself may not be appropriate to describe others, and it may not be appropriate for others to use the word to describe me.
- Stories stay. / Learning leaves. Stories shared should remain confidential without explicit permission to share.

I confirm that I can participate in monthly self-scheduled mentor/mentee virtual meetings from May through December 2025.

I confirm that I can participate in the virtual mentee training workshop on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 from 10 AM to 12 PM ET.

I confirm that I can participate in the following virtual mentee cohort meetings:

- Wednesday, July 16, 2025, 10 am - 12 pm ET
- Wednesday, September 17, 2025, 10 am - 12 pm ET
- Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 10 am - 12 pm ET

I confirm that I can participate in the following in-person activities:

- BLC Mentors Opening Retreat (April 30, 2025 at Brandeis University)
- BLC Mentors Closing Retreat (December 10, 2025 at Tufts University)

Briefly describe your current position, key responsibilities, and areas of expertise.

Please answer in 200 words or less.

Which library sectors or areas of practice are you interested in exploring for your professional growth? (check all that apply)

- Academic Libraries
- Public Libraries
- Special Libraries
- Access Services
- Acquisitions
- Administration
- Archives
- Assessment
- Business
- Cataloging
- Collection Development
- Data Services
- Digital Librarianship / Digital Humanities
- Institutional Repositories
- Instruction / Teaching

- Interlibrary Loan
- Management
- Programming
- Public Services
- Reference
- Scholarly Communications
- Special Collections
- Technical Services
- Other:

Why are you interested in being a mentee with BLC Mentors?

Please answer in 200 words or less.

What are your short-term and long-term career aspirations?

Please answer in 200 words or less.

Please (1) describe the challenges or barriers you face in your role and at your institution and (2) what you would hope to get out of this program to help address your current challenges?

Please answer in 200 words or less.

What specific skills, knowledge, or professional insights are you hoping to gain from the BLC Mentors experience?

Please answer in 200 words or less.

How do you best receive feedback and guidance (e.g., structured discussions, casual check-ins, hands-on learning)?

Please answer in 200 words or less.

Is there any additional information that might help us match you successfully with a mentor?

Please answer in 200 words or less.