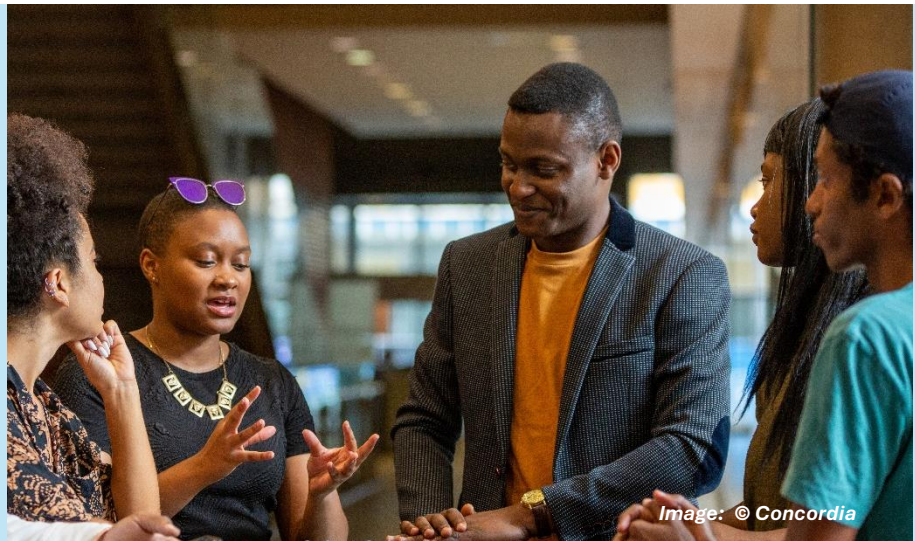


Black Voices, Bright Futures: A Career Readiness Program for Black Students



ARE YOU NAVIGATING THE TRANSITION FROM UNIVERSITY TO CAREER? Unsure how to navigate this process? Want to improve your ability to articulate your experiences and skills into compelling qualifications for your dream job? Concerned about the realities of working as a Black professional?

Join us for a **series of FREE professional development retreats** designed specifically for Black Concordia students and recent graduates. In these sessions, you will:

Clarify your goals: Collaborate with peers, career counselors, and advisors to explore and identify your professional aspirations, and connect them with your strengths, interests, and values.

Articulate your Strengths: Learn how to identify and articulate your unique skills, strengths, and experiences effectively.

Engage with Professionals: Gain insights from Black professionals who will share their expertise on professionalism, networking, interviewing, and navigating workplace dynamics.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

- **Friday, August 15, 10am – 3:30pm (Downtown Campus)**
 - Full Day Session 1 – *Mapping your professional journey*
- **Friday, August 22, 10am – 3:30pm (Downtown Campus)**
 - Full Day Session 2 – *Decoding Professionalism*
- **Weekly, Online workshops, Aug – Sept (3 to 4 sessions, exact dates TBD)**
 - Virtual Session 1 – *Resumes and Cover Letters*
 - Virtual Session 2 – *Communication Strategies and Practices*
 - Virtual Session 3 – *Networking + Community Building*

**PARTICIPANTS WILL
RECEIVE A
\$250
HONORARIUM!**

Who can register:

This program is open to **undergraduate students** in their 2nd year or later who are thinking about life after graduation, or recently graduated students who are looking for support with career readiness (including exploring potential job fields, career counseling and advising, etc.).

This program is also open to **graduate students** completing certificate programs or their master's degree, who are looking for the same kind of early career support.

Eligibility:

- Full-time *and* part-time students are eligible
- International students are eligible
- Undergrad or Graduate students (Master's or certificate programs)
- Students must have completed at least 30 credits at an undergrad level
- Students who have graduated in the last 3 years are eligible

NOTE: This program is not designed to support doctoral (PhD) students or mid-career professionals.

Program Commitment

- Participants are required to attend two in-person retreats at Concordia's downtown campus. These sessions will be ~5 hours, lunch and snacks will be provided.
- Participants are also required to attend three 2-hour virtual sessions.
- Participants are encouraged to attend the Concordia Career Fair with the group on Monday, September 15th.

Participants will receive a \$250 honorarium for their participation!

TO PARTICIPATE, COMPLETE [THIS REGISTRATION FORM](#) by August 10th, 2025

NOTE: Places will be filled on a first-come first-served basis. If capacity is reached quickly, the form may close early.

About the program

A project of [FUSION Concordia](#), this program has been developed in collaboration with staff from [NouLa Black Student Center](#), the [Black Perspectives Office](#), [CAPS](#), [CCET](#), and [Grad ProSkills](#). The program will be hosted on Concordia's downtown (SGW) campus and co-facilitated by staff from the Black Perspectives Office and the Vice Provost of Innovation in Teaching and Learning office. The lead facilitator for this program is **Tallie Segel**.

About the Lead Facilitator, Tallie Segel

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Tallie is a project lead at Concordia University's Black Perspectives Office and a doctoral candidate in the Sociology and Anthropology department. Since 2021, she has been closely involved with the President's Taskforce on Antiracism, contributing as a subcommittee member, graduate research assistant, writing team member, and project lead on the implementation team. Tallie holds a BA in Ecology and Conservation and an interdisciplinary MA focused on Social and Environmental Justice. With over 20 years of experience in science education across diverse settings and roles, she brings a wealth of knowledge and a unique perspective to her work. With a genuine enthusiasm for connecting individuals to resources and opportunities, Tallie is passionate about understanding the intricacies of people's work—exploring tools, skills, problem-solving strategies, challenges, and accomplishments. Tallie loves to leverage these interests to help others discover their strengths and carve out their niches in the professional landscape.

QUESTIONS? We'd love to hear from you at fusion@concordia.ca