Brilliant minds need smart mentors.

If you are interested in games, digital technologies and most importantly supporting, guiding and mentoring some of the most creative and brilliant minds in your community, then we would love to hear from you. Join The Lab team of game development and media professionals who make a valuable contribution to supporting the community in these paid part-time positions.





The Lab is a national network of not-for-profit mentored computer clubs for young people who identify as being on the autism spectrum and who are interested in technology, especially gaming, coding and digital media. We are seeking mentors to work paid part-time with young people in weekly Lab sessions.

Participants at Lab sessions often have highly developed technical skills but lack some of the social and friendship skills that are important to every child's personal development. Through a child's interests in technology, The Lab aims to encourage social engagement and the development of important life skills. Key to The Lab providing this valuable service is having effective mentors — people who can look at a young person's strengths and interests and work with them to increase the sense of enthusiasm and engagement that they have for technology.

The Lab currently engages around 90 mentors at over 35 venues around the country. Many have been with The Lab since its inception in 2011. finding it's not just a cool part-time job but that sharing their technical skills and enthusiasm for gaming and technology is an immensely rewarding activity.



- Lab mentors have knowledge of popular video and tabletop games.
- May have skills in games development or other digital media.
- Have patience, empathy and a willingness to share their enthusiasm and knowledge.
- Have a sense of fun.

Participants at Lab sessions are not there because they have a disability but because they share differences from other kids. You'll find very few behavioural issues in a Lab session and mentors are not expected to be teachers, disciplinarians or therapists. Mentors are there to assist young people to share their interests, develop new skills and to have fun whenever possible.

We would love to hear from you If you are interested in this exciting opportunity to develop your skills and experience. Please pass this information on if you know anyone who might be interested in the role.

Contact <u>admin@thelab.org.au</u> for more information.

