Discover the Leader in You!

Step outside your comfort zone and start to build a foundation for your leadership journey.

WHY – Our purpose is to assist students to develop into leaders of the future, to discover their leadership potential and step outside their comfort zone.

HOW – We provide opportunities and support for self-development and leadership potential through formal learning that focuses on understanding of self, developing student’s soft skills that are central for a successful career, and leadership. The learning and understanding of such topics is extended through a community engagement component.

WHAT – The UNSW Leadership Program is a co-curricular program open to all UNSW students. Students complete online and face to face workshops that cover topics around; Confident Public Speaking, Personal Branding, Time Management, Emotional Intelligence, Global Communication, Leadership in Diplomacy, Managing Conflict, Understanding Self and Others and Being a Student Entrepreneur. Students are also required to participate in volunteering and community engagement activities with UNSW Community Partners. It is designed to be entirely flexible: complete the program at your own pace and select the learning components and practical experience that suits you.

About the program

The UNSW Leadership Program

The Program is a combination of practical & engaging workshops to help you develop important leadership skills and knowledge, and a short volunteering placement we call ‘community engagement’ in a setting of your choice. It is designed to be completed alongside your study load.

To ensure a rich and varied learning experience that will broaden your thinking, the learning content has been developed and is delivered by staff from many different specialist areas of the university including Student Development, New South Innovations, The Michael Crouch Innovation Centre, Careers and Employment, Student Development International and Equity and Diversity.
Join any year, either in Semester 1 or 2

You can complete the program at any stage of your degree, and enrol at any time. Start your Leadership Program journey with the Introduction to Leadership Workshop (expires after 1 semester)

The face to face learning component is run from Week 2 to Week 8 of each semester with a catch up opportunity at the completion of each semester (June & November)

The 20 hour Community Engagement component can be completed at any time during the program, in a block or for just a few hours each week over several weeks.

**Why get involved?**
Develop yourself and your resume!

The Program is a great way to challenge yourself, learn about your strengths and develop the soft skills that are so crucial to effective leadership. Inadvertently students grow their network through meeting peers with whom they would not have had the opportunity to come in contact with. Many students thoroughly enjoy the volunteering component, and continue to work with the organisation beyond the program. The program is at a level that is achievable for all students, but will stretch you enough to be a really worthwhile use of your time.

Read about the experiences of some students who have completed the program already to find out what its really like and whether its for you.

Register here

Getting started is easy...

Student Registration:

Enrol at www.myrecord.unsw.edu.au and you will be given instructions for accessing the first leadership module online ‘Introduction to Leadership’. This module is made available between Week 1 until the completion of exam week of Semester 1 and 2. Sign up outside these times and you will need to wait until the beginning of the next semester to get started.

Register to be a Community Partner

Please fill in the Community Partner Application Form to seek approval to be a UNSW Leadership Program Community Partner.

The Leadership Program team will respond to requests within 2 business days of submission.

For current students

Resources and guidelines

1. Refer to the FAQ tab in the Community Partner Directory for answers and a look at current Community Partners.
2. Take a look at the Community Engagement Action Plan and plan out your volunteering component.
3. Use this Email Template to contact Community Partners and get the ball rolling!
4. Email: leadership@unsw.edu.au with any further questions.