

SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY

LEAD SCHOLARS

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LEAD Scholars Program

The LEAD Scholars program at Saint Leo University is an elite program designed to provide leadership development and reflection activities for students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership potential and who are passionate about intentional leadership development during their time at Saint Leo University.

Uniquely aligned with the University mission to offer a practical, effective model for life and leadership in a challenge world, this program is for students for whom the love of learning is of prime importance. To maintain the elite status of the program, cohorts will be limited to 10 students per class (10 first year scholars, 10 sophomore scholars, 10 junior scholars and 10 senior scholars)

We are looking for ten exceptional incoming first time in college students to join the LEAD Scholars program and fill our first year scholar class. Are you ready to connect, engage & inspire as you take your leadership to new heights?!

First Year Scholars, LEAD Scholars Program Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be an incoming first time in college student, attending the University campus of Saint Leo University beginning Fall 2018
- Must have exhibited strong leadership potential through participation in high school groups, extracurricular activities, and/or extraordinary support for family and community
- Applicants will show evidence that their lives are guided by Saint Leo University's core values of personal development, respect, integrity, community, excellence and responsible stewardship as well as good character
- High school transcripts must demonstrate satisfactory academic performance

Annual LEAD Scholars Program Eligibility Requirements:

- Make satisfactory academic progress; maintaining a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Maintain good judicial standing
- Annually complete LEAD Scholars program requirements

What makes the LEAD Scholars program special?

- It is an elite program with University recognition as well as:
 - A September overnight retreat to build a foundation with other LEAD Scholars
 - Annual LEAD scholars Recognition Celebration & Senior Send-Off in April
- Ongoing leadership development and reflection opportunities
- Mentoring relationships built into the first year scholar experience to help new scholars find their niche
- Opportunities to engage with fellow leaders across diverse university and community involvement areas
- An opportunity to set your resume apart, including but not limited to:
 - Connecting to unique and diverse leadership opportunities
 - Designing and leading community service events (sophomore scholars)
 - Acting as a mentor (junior scholars)
 - Designing and presenting LEAD Scholar workshop(s) (junior scholars)
 - Designing and presenting campus wide leadership programs (senior scholars)
 - Serving on a LEAD scholars committee (senior scholars)

Application Process:

- Students interested in joining the LEAD Scholars 2018-2019 first year cohort will apply online at <http://leadscholar.weebly.com/incoming-first-year-scholar-application.html>
 - While the application is a brief online form (with three short answer questions), candidates are still expected to demonstrate collegiate-ready writing skills
 - **Priority deadline** for applicant consideration is June 15 2018
 - Applicants will be notified of their status no later than July 6 2018
- Students with questions regarding the program or application process are encouraged to check out the LEAD Scholars website online at <http://leadscholar.weebly.com/> and/or contact KJ McConnell, Director of Residence Life & Leadership at (352) 588 8268 or kimberly.mcconnell@saintleo.edu.

LEAD Scholars Monthly Requirements:

- Attend one (1) Extra Leadership Learning Opportunity and submit documentation each month
- Attend and participate fully in one (1) LEAD Scholars workshop per month
- Attend one (1) LEADALL event (required event for all LEAD scholars; see annual timeline below)
- Make all necessary progress on class specific requirements

Annual LEADALL Timeline:

- *August:* Kick-Off Event
- *September:* Overnight Weekend Retreat
- *October:* Community Service Activity
- *November:* Senior Scholars' Campus Wide Program
- *January:* Mini-Retreat
- *February:* Senior Scholars' Campus Wide Program
- *March:* Community Service Activity
- *April:* Recognition Celebration & Senior Send-Off Celebration

Class Specific Requirements:

First Year Scholars: Rising Leaders

- Themes: acclimating to college leadership and initiating leadership roles
- Tasks:
 - Explore campus/community involvement and identify leadership role(s) for sophomore year
 - Meet with junior mentor at least once a month

Sophomore Scholars: Active Leaders

- Themes: transition into leadership roles/begin to hone leadership skill set
- Tasks:
 - Participate in at least one leadership role in campus or community
 - Design and implement LEADALL community service as sophomore cohort

Junior Scholars: Mentoring Leaders

- Themes: mentoring first year scholars and adjusting leadership skill set based on leadership experiences and involvement
- Tasks:
 - Meet with first year mentee at least once a month
 - Host or co-host at least one (1) LEAD scholars workshop

Senior Scholars: Leading Leaders

- Themes: advanced leadership skills, transitioning leadership roles (student to graduate)
- Tasks:
 - Assume leadership role (officer, advisory board or committee chair) within LEAD Scholars program
 - Design and implement Senior Scholars' Campus Wide Programs as senior cohort