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Leadership In Action Certificate Program

Leading an organization toward its mission can be incredibly fulfilling work, and it can also be incredibly exhausting – especially in the first years of the job when the learning curve is high and resources are few. Designed for first-time executive directors to get up to speed quickly, this program uses the work of your own organization to accelerate your learning and build practices that will help improve your organization's programming, strengthen your board and increase financial sustainability right away.



Who Should Apply?

This program is designed for first-time executive directors and chief executive officers who are leading small to mid-size organizations, specifically geared toward those who have limited administrative staff and are responsible for most or all aspects of the organization's executive work, from fundraising to financial management and operations.

Senior level staff at an organization of any size may participate if nominated by a supervisor in recognition of their potential as future organizational leaders.



Program Logistics

This program meets one Monday per month September 2019-June 2020, with two additional coaching sessions (one pre-program and one post-program) with the principal instructor. Program days include components of direct instruction and guided workshops for immediate application.

Please note that this class is workshop-based, and participants are expected to bring concrete examples, current information and relevant documents from their organizations in order to engage fully in the instruction. The program is designed to protect the confidentiality of these documents between the participant and the instructors.



Tuition & Additional Information

Thanks to generous support from the Simmons Foundation and the Rockwell Fund, we have scholarship funding available for this inaugural year of the Leadership In Action program.

For more information about the program, the application process, tuition and scholarship availability, please email Leslie Wang, Associate Director of the Center for Philanthropy & Nonprofit Leadership, at lesliecwang@rice.edu.