

College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Leadership Institute Preparing Global Ready Leaders in Agricultural and Life Sciences



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What is the CALS Leadership Institute?

CALS LI is a sustainable leadership development program for undergraduate students enrolled in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences programs of study. Through nine program components students will be better prepared for positions in business, communications, science, natural resources and pre-professional studies. Students are enrolled in CALS LI for a three semester, 17 month leadership experience.



Purpose

- Analyze personalities and leadership skills with structured leadership experiences.
- Prepare students for leadership roles in the workplace.
- Increase the percentage of students who actively plan their leadership journey.
- Increase the percentage of graduates with leadership skills and leadership development experience.
- Couple students with a mentor in their chosen field for additional guidance.

Eligibility

- Undergraduate students enrolled in one of the 24 majors in CALS with at least three semesters remaining
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Have a minimum of 40 credit hours completed
- Be able to demonstrate leadership potential

Program Components

- Personal Development Plan
- 14 Leadership Modules
- Group/Team Experiences
- Workshops/Conferences
- Leadership Courses
- Personal Portfolio
- Leadership Practicum
- Capstone travel to Central America
- Students are paired with CALS Alumni for a hands-on mentoring program

Benefits

Students will be able to:

- Identify the difference between leadership and management
- Establish goals through relationships and effective communication
- Develop and refine presentation skills
- Use vital and basic skills for short and long-term planning
- Develop valuable interview and career searching techniques