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The Leadership Alliance programs encourage diversity to further its goal of preparing young scholars from underrepresented and underserved populations for graduate training and are not exclusionary on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religion, national and ethnic origin, disability, veteran status, socioeconomic background, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression.

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THE LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE is a multi-institutional academic consortium of leading research and teaching colleges and universities. The mission of the Alliance is to develop underrepresented students into outstanding leaders and role models in academia, business and the public sector.



SUMMER RESEARCH EARLY IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM SR-EIP

Congratulations! It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the Leadership Alliance family and to the nineteenth cohort of the Summer Research Early Identification Program (SR-EIP)!

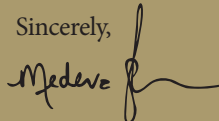
The Leadership Alliance is a national academic consortium that unites leading research and teaching colleges and universities in a shared vision to promote intellectual growth and mentor a community of diverse scholars for doctoral level training leading to research-based careers in the academic, public and private sectors. To date, we can proudly claim nearly 200 Leadership Alliance Doctoral Scholars, alumni who have obtained their PhDs or MD-PhDs, and it all began with the SR-EIP.

As a Leadership Alliance SR-EIP student, you have become part of a distinguished network of young scholars aspiring to become the next generation of professors, researchers, leaders and role models. During the summer, you will participate in a high quality research experience situated within a multi-disciplinary environment that incorporates professional development mentoring and skill-building activities. This comprehensive program is designed to stimulate your research interests, build peer and professional mentoring networks, and help you explore career opportunities. During your internship, I encourage you to actively contribute to your research environment, engage in scholarly discourse, network with faculty, administrators, postdoctoral fellows and graduate students, and explore the possibility of enrolling into a graduate program at one of our top-tier Leadership Alliance research institutions.

Additional opportunities to help you navigate your research career pathway are provided at the Leadership Alliance National Symposium, the culminating event of the summer experience that assembles the national Leadership Alliance network. The symposium will provide you an opportunity to present your research findings in a supportive environment and interact with faculty, mentors, SR-EIP alumni, Alliance Doctoral Scholars, and your 2011 SR-EIP colleagues.

The Leadership Alliance is the gateway to resources, mentoring, and professional networks that remain available to you after you complete your summer research program and embark upon your chosen career path. I encourage you to take advantage of these resources and stay connected to the Leadership Alliance.

On behalf of the entire Leadership Alliance community, I wish you a rewarding summer experience and look forward to meeting you at the symposium!

Sincerely,

Medeva Ghee, Ph.D.
Executive Director

What is your role as a *Leadership Alliance student*...

...at your research site?

- Conduct your research as a professional
 - ✦ Contribute fully as a member of your team
 - ✦ Ask questions, and seek help and clarification when needed
 - ✦ Practice the ethical conduct of research
 - ✦ Strive for excellence
- Take advantage of the resources for professional development
 - ✦ Participate in all workshops, seminars, journal clubs, and outings
 - ✦ Get to know personally your research mentor, and the graduate students and postdocs in your research group
 - ✦ Learn the administrative structures and policies of the graduate school
- Familiarize yourself with the life of the campus and city where you are located

...at the symposium?

- Present your research at the Leadership Alliance National Symposium. Consult with your program director to determine whether you will give an oral PowerPoint presentation (10 minutes) or a poster presentation (1 hour).
- Adhere to registration deadlines (very important!)
 - ✦ Register on-line: June 6 – **June 24***
 - ✦ Submit presentation application: June 13 – **July 1**
 - ✦ Submit abstract of your presentation: June 27 – **July 20**
- Take advantage of opportunities available to you
 - ✦ Attend all workshops and panel discussions
 - ✦ Ask questions
 - ✦ Attend student oral and poster presentations
 - ✦ Introduce yourself to others and use your Leadership Alliance business cards for networking
 - ✦ Talk with recruiters at the career fair and follow up with them after the symposium
- Dress and conduct yourself in a professional manner
Suggested attire
 - ✦ Friday: casual or business casual
 - ✦ Saturday: business attire
 - ✦ Sunday: business casual

* Registration deadline will be extended for summer programs that begin after June 21.

What is your role...

...in contributing to a professional network of *Leadership Alliance alumni poised to be the next generation of scholars*?

We expect you to respond to all communiqués from the Leadership Alliance Executive Office, which serve as our means of keeping in touch with you and as your opportunity to let us know your progress.

- Complete the evaluations
 - ✦ **Summer Research Evaluation:** Your institutional coordinator will ask you to complete an evaluation of the summer program at your site. Your opinion is very important to us, so please provide a frank assessment of your summer experience.
 - ✦ **Symposium Survey:** At the end of the symposium, the Leadership Alliance will administer a brief survey of the symposium events and program. Your feedback is an essential component of our planning as we structure future events.
 - ✦ **Spring Survey:** In March, you will receive a brief survey from us inquiring about your summer and/or post-graduation plans.
- Keep in touch through the Alliance website: www.theleadershipalliance.org. Our website will be a useful destination for news about your friends and colleagues and a source of information and assistance as you progress in your academic career.

LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

JULY 29 – 31, 2011

Hyatt Regency Greenwich, Old Greenwich, CT

The Future of Research: Developing Leaders in Academia and Beyond

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Friday, July 29 ORIENTATION AND NETWORKING

ORIENTATION RECEPTIONS: Meet and mingle with other students, faculty, and doctoral scholars in your academic discipline. Leadership Alliance coordinators will provide an overview of the program and offer tips on networking and funding your education.

WELCOME DINNER AND ALUMNI CAREER PANEL: Several of our esteemed doctoral scholars will present their research and share their personal experiences and perspectives on career opportunities.

Saturday, July 30 STUDENT RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS, PANELS AND KEYNOTE

STUDENT RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS: Learn about the exciting research projects that undergraduate participants have been working on during their summer internships at Leadership Alliance research sites. Interactive poster sessions will be held in the morning, followed by oral presentations throughout the remainder of the day.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PANELS: Leadership Alliance alumni will provide their perspectives on topics such as *The Graduate School Experience*, and offer career advice on finding and obtaining a postdoctoral or faculty position.

NETWORKING DINNER AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Interested undergraduates will have the opportunity to converse with doctoral scholars, and the featured keynote speaker.

Sunday, July 31 CAREER PATHS & RECRUITING

PANEL DISCUSSIONS: Panelists will provide undergraduates with helpful information regarding *The Graduate School Application Process* and graduate students with practical tips on *Completing Your Dissertation*.

RECRUITING FAIR: You will have a unique opportunity to speak directly with recruiters and representatives from Leadership Alliance institutions as well as other public and private organizations. Learn about graduate programs, postdoctoral opportunities, funding opportunities, and other resources for furthering your educational and career goals.

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