

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR INDIGENOUS YOUTH

FULL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SELECTED PARTICIPANTS

Universidad de las Américas Puebla (UDLAP), is proud to announce the opening of this program for **Native American** students who are currently studying an AA, AS, BA or BS degree at an accredited institution.

The **LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR INDIGENOUS YOUTH** aims to strengthen the abilities of young leaders so they can accurately identify the necessities of their hometowns, provide solutions to local problems and generate public policy proposals in order to promote local development. The program will take place **from May 25th to June 19th**.

We are seeking **outstanding candidates**, with excellent academic records who have demonstrated their commitment to their communities through extracurricular activities or show potential to do so.

Program description

The program will be held at UDLAP in Puebla, Mexico and will last **four weeks**. Weekend activities are scheduled throughout the program.

It is divided into **two sections**. The **first** has a **theoretical** components and includes **advanced academic courses**; the **second** focuses on **practical components** involving workshops to develop competitive abilities and conflict resolution strategies.

Different **topics** will be addressed including: International political and economic reality, the implications of globalization: on the reality for indigenous peoples as: multiculturalism, migration and social change. Always emphasizing the key role of Native American youth.

At the end of the program, students will present a **public policy proposal** that addresses **local problem** in each participant's

home town. Participants will receive feedback to their proposals from academics and experts.

Applicant profile

- Be a Native American.
- Be between 18 and 25 years old.
- Currently studying an AA, AS, BA or BS degree at an accredited institution. All areas of specialty will be considered.
- Demonstrate commitment and involvement in community and extracurricular activities.

Language

The program will be held **mostly in Spanish**. For this reason a Spanish language level equivalent to **BI** (Basic Intermediate) it is highly recommended. There will be English-speaking college students, faculty and staff who may act as support.

Funding

The program is funded by contributions from the **Mexican private sector and the U.S. Embassy in Mexico**. Thanks to this support, **scholarships** will be **awarded** to participants to cover the cost of the **academic program, accommodation, food and transportation**.

Accommodation and services

The accommodation will be in **campus dormitories** and participants will share a room with other student of the same sex.

Meals are provided in the University **dining hall**.

Medical Insurance

Participants need to purchase **insurance with international coverage** for the entire program length and it must include **emergency evacuation and repatriation of remains**. UDLAP provides primary care through its on campus Clinic as well as a limited National Accident Medical Insurance. No expenses for pre-existing diseases are covered.

Commitments and Restrictions

It is obligatory to participate in the entire program including activities during weekends.

During the program it will be necessary to comply with the institutional regulations, attend all lectures and activities.

Participants are not allowed to arrive before the program starts or remain after the end.

To apply

Interested applicants must submit the complete **application form** (<http://www.udlap.mx/liderazgo/inscripcion.aspx>) before **March 8th** to liderazgo.indigena@udlap.mx with the following documents:

- A **recommendation letter** from a professor.
- **Official Academic Transcript** with signature and stamp.
- **Motivation letter** which clearly expresses interest in participating in the program.
- **Medical insurance** with international coverage in effect for the entire stay of the program including:
 - Emergency evacuation.
 - Repatriation of remains.

Results

Applications will be reviewed by a **multidisciplinary committee**.

The names of the **finalists** will be published by 14th of April in the official web page of the program and contacted by the **end of April**.

For more information about the program:

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