2017-2018 University of Chicago Student Leadership Institute
Program Overview

The University of Chicago Student Leadership Institute (SLI) will offer students the opportunity to practice leadership skills in areas that will aid the success of students’ personal, academic, and professional goals. Participants will take part in a kick-off orientation, a bi-weekly workshop-based leadership development curriculum, reflection activities, and a year-end celebration event. Throughout the year, participants will interact with a wide variety of campus and community leaders.

The SLI is a two-quarter commitment, and selected students will be expected to attend all SLI meetings and events. The 2017-2018 SLI will kick-off with a mandatory introduction meeting on Tuesday, November 14 from 5:30pm - 6:30pm, and bi-weekly meetings will take place every other Tuesday from 5:30pm – 7:30pm, beginning on Tuesday, January 9th continuing through Tuesday, May 8th.

Working in small groups, SLI members will develop an innovative project or event, which will be completed by the end of spring quarter and will have a measurable impact on the community. When applying for the SLI, please be sure that you can commit to these meetings, events, and projects.

Applications for the 2017-2018 SLI will be available starting Monday, September 25th. Students may submit applications until Tuesday, October 17th at 11:59pm. Late applications will not be accepted. In addition to the application, students must attend a group interview during one of two interview periods: Monday, October 23rd from 5:30-7:00pm or Tuesday, October November 24rd from 5:30-7:00pm. The SLI cohort will be announced by November 8th.

The SLI is open to first and second year students in the College with an interest in impacting the University of Chicago campus and community. Prior leadership roles in high school or college are not required – rather, a demonstrated interest in creating change on campus and developing resources for students. A desire to develop personal leadership and team building skills is required.

There will also be an opportunity for third and fourth year students and past SLI participants to serve as peer facilitators and work closely with program participants and staff. Students interested in applying to serve as a peer facilitator can share their information with us through the same online application.

Starting September 25, the online application can be found at leadership.uchicago.edu.

Participant Application Questions:

1) What does leadership mean to you? (50 words or less)

2) Tell us about a person who embodies leadership and whose leadership style you would like to model. Why did you select this individual? Surprise us.

3) Share with us a time that you had to solve a problem or handle an issue. What was the situation; what did you do to remedy it; and what, if anything, would you have done differently?

4) What makes a person a “good citizen” of the UChicago community?

5) Please share what you hope to gain by participating in the Student Leadership Institute.
Peer Facilitator Application Questions:

1) How would you describe the ideal mentor-mentee relationship?

2) Why are you interested in serving as a peer facilitator for the SLI?

Application Requirements (for ALL):

1) Participation in the group interview process during one of two interview periods: Monday, October 23rd or Tuesday, October 24th from 5:30 - 7:00pm.

1) Students applying to the program will be required to commit to the following programmatic times and activities:

☐ Mandatory Introductory Meeting on Tuesday, November 14 from 5:30pm - 6:30pm.
☐ Bi-weekly meetings taking place every other Tuesday from 5:30-7:30pm, beginning January 9th and continuing through May 8th (dates are 1/9, 1/23, 2/6, 2/20, 3/6, 3/27, 4/10, 4/24, and 5/8). These meetings will include guest speakers, interactive activities, and opportunities to develop your group project.
☐ Completion of an innovative project or event, which will be presented to the University of Chicago community by the end of Spring Quarter 2018.
☐ Maintain regular communication with your SLI Project Team. This may be in the form of email contact and/or meetings outside of the regular SLI sessions.
☐ Peer Facilitators: regular meetings with Assistant Director for Student Leadership Development

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