



College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

Leadership Institute

Cohort 9



What is CALS Leadership Institute?

CALS LI is a unique leadership development program for undergraduate students enrolled in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. Students are selected through an application and interview process based on demonstrated leadership attributes and academic achievement. Over the course of 17 months (3 semesters), students will engage in leadership modules, an international travel experience, service, and a mentoring relationship. This leadership experience prepares students for positions in business, communications, science, natural resources and pre-professional studies.

Purpose

CALS LI aims to prepare students to enter the workforce or a professional school with the skills needed to be successful in a global society by providing opportunities for personal leadership development, creating an understanding of leadership in an organizational and global context, and determining the importance of the agricultural and life sciences in a global society.

Program Components

- 3 2-credit hour leadership courses
 - 14 Leadership Competencies
- International Service & Learning Experience
- Organizational Service
- CALS Alumni Mentor
- Workshops/Conferences
- Personal Portfolio

Eligibility

- Be a CALS undergraduate student enrolled in one of the 21 CALS majors
- Have at least 3 semesters of coursework remaining
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Have a minimum of 40 credit hours completed
- Be able to demonstrate leadership potential

Application Deadline: October 17, 2017

***No electronic applications will be accepted.**

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How to Apply for CALS LI?

Students who have met the above eligibility requirements may submit their application for consideration. Students interested should submit **all** of the following by **October 17, 2017**, to 2020 McCarty D.

1. CALS LI Application
2. Resume
3. 2 Letters of Recommendation:
 - 1 personal recommendation (employer, mentor, etc.)
 - 1 academic recommendation (faculty/staff, current/former instructor)

If you're selected to interview for the program you will be contacted by the CALS LI Program Coordinator by October 20. **Interviews with the selection panel will be scheduled for Thursday, November 2.**

Explanation of the Program Requirements

A specific **leadership development** course designed for the CALS Leadership Institute will be taken for the first (spring) and second (fall) semesters of the program (2 credit hours each). The courses will focus on 14 leadership modules reflective of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences values, and include the development of a **Personal Development Plan (PDP)**. A third (spring) semester course (2 credit hours) will conclude the program with the development of a leadership portfolio.

CALS LI Courses:

ALS 4936- CALS LI Seminar 1 (Personal Leadership Development)

ALS 4937- CALS LI Seminar 2 (Leadership in an Organizational & Global Context)

ALS 4938- CALS Leadership Institute International Service & Learning Experience

A **mentor** (CALS alumnus or friend) will be assigned in the first semester of the program. The mentor can be utilized by the CALS LI mentee for advice, feedback on their PDP, etc.

The **capstone international travel experience** allows students to apply course concepts and immerse themselves into another culture. Students are responsible for funding the international travel experience; however, scholarship opportunities are available in the college and a payment plan will be available. Depending upon the selected location of this international experience, the cost may be up to \$2,500.

The **Personal Portfolio** and **workshop/conference** attendance requirements aid reflecting upon the leadership and international aspects of the program at its conclusion.

Instructions: Send this application with an attached headshot/professional photo, resume and letters of recommendation to CALS, PO Box 110270, Gainesville, FL 32611, or deliver to Room 2020 McCarty Hall D.

Failure to complete all questions and submit all application requirements may delay the processing of your application or possibly eliminate your application from consideration.

Personal

Last Name:		First Name:		Middle I:	UFID
Permanent Address:		City:		State:	Zip:
Current Address:		City:		State:	Zip:
Phone Number:		Cell/Other Number:			DOB:
E-mail Address:		@ufl.edu	Alt. E-mail Address:		

Education

Classification:	Expected Graduation Date:	GPA:
When did you enter the University of Florida?		
1. Year: _____		
2. Term: <input type="checkbox"/> SPRING <input type="checkbox"/> SUMMER <input type="checkbox"/> FALL		
3. Entering Status: <input type="checkbox"/> FRESHMAN <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSFER STUDENT		
Major:	Minor(s):	Total Credit Hours: (completed)
Travel Preference: <input type="checkbox"/> August 2018 <input type="checkbox"/> December 2018/January 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> No Preference		

Future Courses

Spring 2018	Credits	Fall 2018	Credit

Leadership Experiences

What leadership experience(s) have you had? (Please list courses, workshops, conferences, etc.)

A. What are your 3 major weaknesses and 3 strengths that make you an effective or not so effective servant leader and how could CALS LI help you to improve on these areas?

B. On the map, identify (color and label) the top 5 countries you would like to travel to or learn more about. In a different color, identify locations where you have traveled.



C. Illustrate how you would use your greatest strength to serve others.

D. If you had no limits financially and access to anyone in the world, what is one thing you would do to make a positive impact on the world?

E. What is the most important agriculture, natural resource, environmental concern or issue and how will this leadership experience help in solving that issue?

F. If you had to write your own epitaph what would it say? What would you want your legacy to be? (150-200 words)

Submit the following documents to 2020 McCarty Hall D by **October 17, 2017**. For questions or additional information, please contact **Dr. Natalie Coers, Program Coordinator** at 273-3586 or ncoers@ufl.edu.

Complete Application packet checklist:

- Completed and signed CALS LI Application with headshot or professional photo attached below
- Resume
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
 - 1 Personal Recommendation (employer, mentor, etc.)
 - 1 Academic Recommendation (faculty/staff, current/former instructor)

Please accept my application for the CALS Leadership Institute (CALS LI) Cohort 9. I certify I am/will be enrolled in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, I have at least 40 semester credit hours, my grade point average is 3.0 or higher, I am in good academic standing and I have read and agree to the requirements of being in the program.

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

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