



# LEAD Scholars Academy

## Policies and Procedures for the LEAD Scholars Academy U-LEAD Program

- **Requirements**
  - 3.0 GPA (UCF and overall GPA are considered)
  - More than 60 credit hours completed
- **Good Standing**
  - A student will be in a good standing with U-LEAD if they maintain a 3.0 GPA, pass each U-LEAD course with a Satisfactory (S) grade, complete required service hours and if applicable, the poster presentation and research project.
  - Students in good standing in each semester of their U-LEAD program will receive a \$200 fellowship which will be credited to the student's UCF financial aid account. \*
    - The full amount will be received at the end of the semester only if you are in good standing with the program and have fulfilled all program requirements by the appropriate deadline(s).
    - It is required that you submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid Form (FAFSA) in order to receive this \$200 fellowship. Should you receive need-based aid, this scholarship plus other aid cannot exceed your total need as defined by the free federal form. Also, your total aid package, including all scholarships cannot exceed the cost of attendance. The University of Central Florida reserves the right to adjust this scholarship to comply with the above University policy.
    - Fellowship can only be applied to undergraduate students who are enrolled in at least 1 credit hour during the term of participation in the U-LEAD Program.
  - If a student is not in good standing with U-LEAD, they will not be able to apply to U-LEAD the semester following their U-LEAD Class. They will be able to apply in other semesters at the discretion of the LEAD staff.
- **U-LEAD Programs**
  - U-LEAD Programs change each term
  - LEAD Scholars Staff decide the program offerings each semester based on instructor availability and resources.
  - No more than four (4) U-LEAD classes can be taken during a student's enrollment at UCF.
  - Students are not able to take the same U-LEAD program twice in a row. For example, if a student has taken Civic in the Fall, they will not be able to take Civic the following semester. This is to ensure students are able to study and become engaged in a variety of U-LEAD programs.
- **Social Change Poster Showcase**
  - Required attendance for all students enrolled in LDR 3905. If a student is unable to attend, they must notify the LEAD coordinator.

- Students must complete an original research project for each showcase. They may request permission to build on previously researched topics from LEAD Scholars Academy staff.
- **Service Hours**
  - Students enrolled in the LDR 2262 course are required to complete 20 hours of service.
  - Students enrolled in the LDR 3905 course are required to complete 15 hours of service.
  - Service must be completed at a location that aligns with the topical area of the U-LEAD course they are enrolled in. For example those enrolled in the INSPIRE Women's Leadership Course are required to do service pertaining to women.
- **IMPACT Events**
  - All students enrolled in the U-LEAD courses are required to attend TWO IMPACT events.
- **U-LEAD Portal (Starting Fall 2021)**
  - Students are expected to upload service hours and impact forms into the U-LEAD portal. All documents and status in the program will be recorded in this portal.
- **Graduation**
  - A U-LEAD student who has completed 4 U-LEAD programs could become a LEAD Scholar Academy graduate if they completed all 4 courses in good standing. They will receive a medallion and their names will be published in the graduation booklet.