**Ethical Leaders in STEM Program**

**2017-2018 Information and Call for Applications**

*Ethical Leaders in STEM* is an experiential program for Notre Dame STEM PhD students who will be in their 3rd or 4th year of study in academic year 2017-18 to develop and explore their aptitude for communication, mentoring, and leadership.

**Participant Benefits and Activities**

Participants are provided the chance to develop strengths in leadership, understand the ethical implications in decision-making, and positively impact the communities in which they work and live. The yearlong program provides the participants opportunities to work with faculty, peers, and current leaders through research, workshops, mentorship, and real-world problem solving.

Particular activities and benefits include:

* A deeper understanding of one’s leadership strengths.
* The creation of individualized leadership development plans.
* Participation in a yearlong seminar series and workshops on leadership conducted by knowledgeable practitioners, researchers, and presenters.
* Positive and tangible impact on campus or in the community.
* Development of one’s issue-spotting ability and mentoring skills.

**Eligibility, Expectations, and Selection Process**

Qualifying applicants are Ph.D. students entering their third or fourth year in the fall of 2017. This opportunity is a yearlong commitment (August 2017 to August 2018) and competitive. All applicants and participants must be in good academic standing.

Note: **Attendance is mandatory for each program meeting.** A calendar for all 2017-2018 meetings (dates and times) is provided on page 3 of this document. Consult your schedule and make sure your advisor is aware of the day and time commitments before submitting your application. Ability to fully commit to the meeting schedule will be part of the selection process; *however*, those who have a conflict with a meeting date/time are still encouraged to apply. If you do have known conflicts, please note them in your application.

The selection process is based on the following:

* The participant’s interest in and aptitude for leadership development, specifically in one’s ability to identify the ways that program participation will assist his/her professional, research, and/or service interests.
* Identification of a practicum experience that will help shape and augment the participant’s leadership exploration.
* The applicant’s interest in and aptitude for mentoring other students.
* The applicant’s interest in assisting the University in its advancement of service, teaching, and research related missions.
* Previous experience with leadership in a higher education, community, or professional setting is also taken into consideration, but not required.

**Compensation**

Supplementing the primary benefit of leadership training and an enhanced perspective, students participating in the program will receive:

* 1 course credit per term of participation, including summer (3 course credits total)
* Certificate of completion
* $1,400 stipend

**Submitting an Application**

To apply, please digitally submit as one .pdf the following:

* An essay response to the following prompt: Tell us about an experience when you took a significant risk (from your perspective) and failed. What does this story reveal about your leadership character? How would you describe the experience to someone else so that they could benefit from your experience? What is the key lesson that you would pass on to others? Response is limited to 1000 words.
* A letter of interest that describes the following:
  + How your participation in the program will supplement your career aspirations, research, and/or service interests.
  + How the University’s core values inform your work while at Notre Dame.
  + Your identified practicum site/opportunity and what your roles and responsibilities will be.

Limit your response to 1000 words. We encourage you to be specific about your thoughts and interests.

* A current resume or curriculum vitae.
* A Letter of Support from your advisor. The letter should confirm that you are in good academic standing, that you are generally meeting academic milestones, and that your current program of study allows you the time to devote to this leadership experience.
* A completed Information Sheet (page 4 of this document).

**Applications must be received no later than March 15** and should be sent to: [jlubker1@nd.edu](mailto:jlubker1@nd.edu)

**Ethical Leadership Program Schedule 2017-2018**

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| **Meeting Dates and Times** | |
| Wed., Aug. 16 | 5:00pm-7:00pm |
| Wed., Aug. 30 | 5:30pm – 7:30pm |
| Wed., Sept 20 | 1:00pm – 4:30pm |
| Sat., Oct. 7 | 9:00am – 4:30pm |
| Wed., Oct. 18 | 1:00pm – 4:30pm |
| Wed., Nov. 8 | 1:00pm – 4:30pm |
| Thurs., Nov. 16 | 1:00pm – 2:00pm |
| Fri., Nov. 17 | 5:30pm – 7:00pm |
| Wed., Dec. 6 | 1:00pm – 4:30pm |
| Sat., Feb. 3 | 9:00am – 4:30pm |
| Wed., Feb. 14 | 1:00pm – 4:30pm |
| Wed., March 7 | 1:00pm – 4:30pm |
| Wed., March 28 | 1:00pm – 4:30pm |
| Wed., April 18 | 1:00pm – 4:30pm |
| Wed., May 9 | 1:00pm – 4:30pm |
| Wed., May 30 | 1:00pm – 4:30pm |
| Sat., June 23 | 9:00am – 4:30pm |
| Wed., July 11 | 1:00pm – 4:30pm |
| Wed., Aug. 1 | 1:00pm – 4:30pm |
| Wed., Aug. 15 | 3:00pm – 7:00pm |

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**2017-2018 Information Sheet**

**Application Deadline: March 15, 2017**

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| *“I have read and understood the conditions and expectations of the Ethical Leaders in STEM program*  *as explained in the current ‘Information & Call for Applications.’ I affirm that I will participate in all program activities and complete the program next year, I will be in the Notre Dame area during the program, and that I am a Ph.D. student in good academic standing. I also affirm that I have discussed my application with the appropriate faculty in my program of study and that they support my participation in the program, if selected. I understand that I should expect to devote approximately 3 hours each week for the duration of the program. I understand that this application will be available only to qualified people who need to see it in the course of their duties. I waive the right to access letters of recommendation written on my behalf. I affirm that all of this application, including the Essay and Letter of interest, is my own work or formally cited from other sources. I affirm the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.”*  Signature:  Date: |

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| **Contact Information**  Last Name:  First Name:  Preferred Name, if any:  Preferred Email Address:  Preferred Mailing Address:  Telephone Number(s) where you are most easily reached: |

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| **Graduate Study Information**  Faculty Advisor Name:  Faculty Advisor Email Address:  Faculty Advisor Telephone:  Current Degree Program:  Enrollment Date:  Have you previously participated in a leadership development program? (check 1 only)   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Yes | No |   If yes, briefly describe the activity: |