LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
NYU and Liberal Studies

NYU and Liberal Studies offer a set of opportunities that create multiple levels of engagement through which students can progressively develop their leadership capacity. At the foundational level, Public Events and Workshops are offered that any student can attend (e.g. NYU Leadership Week, Leadership Conversations Series). For students interested in more hands-on skills development, Boot Camps and Collaborative Programs are available (e.g. Women’s Leadership Program, LS Leadership & Service Bootcamp). As students pursue deeper learning opportunities where they can access a supportive community to augment their development, Immersive Cohort Programs are offered (e.g. LS Student Leaders, Global Leadership Summit, NYU Leadership Fellows). Finally, for those students most committed to leadership, individual Mentoring opportunities are offered too (e.g. Global Awards & Fellowships Advising, LS Peer Mentorship).

PUBLIC EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

**NYU Leadership Week** | A series of university-wide events and workshops to provide all NYU students with the opportunity to explore leadership from a variety of vantage points. This week-long series of events, information sessions, and workshops introduces the broader NYU community, particularly incoming students, to NYU Leadership Initiative resources and offerings. Through speaker events and experiential workshops, participants gain knowledge, skills and confidence to further shape their everyday leadership practice. Offered in mid-October.

**Leadership Conversations Series** | A series of guest speaker events, experiential workshops, and lectures open to the NYU community. Melody Barnes, Chair of the NYU Leadership Initiative Advisory Council and Former Director of White House Domestic Policy Council under President Obama, brings opportunities for students to engage with world leaders from all sectors to share their personal experiences, leadership journeys, and insights. These events reinforce the NYU Leadership Initiative mission and introduce students to the diversity of ways people are taking up ethical and inclusive leadership today. The series includes 5-8 guest speaker events throughout the academic year. Offered in Fall & Spring.

**Global Awards Information Sessions and Workshops** | The Office of Global Awards hosts general Information sessions about fellowships; subject-specific information sessions (e.g. Truman, Fulbright, Rhodes, Marshall); workshops about the art of short-answer questions, putting yourself in the seat of a selection committee, personal statement writing, and cultivating a network of mentors; and a four-part workshop series on the Fulbright application. These sessions are offered onsite at the NYU Leadership Initiative and partner NYU schools, but webinars are also conducted for students studying abroad. Individual mentoring is available through one-on-one advising sessions too. Offered in Fall & Spring.

**Leadership Studio** | The NYU Center for Student Life has developed a leadership framework with several partners that guides the vision, purpose, and actions of leadership education. Just like an artist’s studio, the Leadership Studio provides participants with the opportunity to practice, exercise, and ultimately gain new skills that can be incorporated into their daily lives. Studio sessions will incorporate collaborative learning and greater depth to facilitate engaged leadership experiences. Sample sessions include Building Confidence, Facilitation, Empowering Others, and Providing & Receiving Feedback. Offered from February through April.

**BOOT CAMPS AND COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS**

**Liberal Studies Leadership & Service Boot Camp** | An intensive and interactive session designed to equip participants with the knowledge to build leadership skills, engage with service opportunities, and make relevant career connections for both local and global impact. This boot camp is especially valuable for students interested in becoming more active leaders, hoping to understand resources and programs available in order to frame their own definition of leadership and service. Offered in March.

**Women’s Leadership Program: Mindfulness in Action** | A four-session program designed to support undergraduate and graduate women students from across NYU. Participants develop a powerful leadership presence that is able to stay open, present and connected under conditions of complexity and ambiguity. Application deadline in January.

**Global Awards Mentoring Program: Leadership & Service** | A semester-long mentoring program aimed at twenty undergraduate students, hosted by the Office of Global Awards. Students participate in four workshops designed to help them articulate and develop goals, and prepare for challenging opportunities. Each participant also meets for one-on-one personal mentoring sessions with the program’s director. Application deadline in February.

**Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI-U)** | To harness the potential of the next generation of leaders from campuses around the world, the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI-U) convenes an annual conference where students, youth organizations, and renowned experts come together to convert ideas into action. As either individuals or groups, students develop a “commitment to
application deadline in early May.

IMMERSIVE COHORT PROGRAMS

**NYU Leadership Fellows Program** | A yearlong program that prepares rising sophomores and juniors to build leadership skills and become changemakers both at NYU and beyond. Program offerings include workshops, a weekend retreat, leadership assessments, individual development, one-on-one coaching and a team challenge. Through such diverse offerings, students discover their strengths, build new skills, engage with peers across NYU, expand their network and design a project where everyone leads collectively. Application deadline in late April.

**DC Global Leadership Scholars Program** | A competitive semester-long program for sophomores and juniors from all three of NYU’s degree campuses in Washington DC that fosters the practice of ethical and inclusive leadership and prepares students to assume leadership roles in the public and private sectors. Program components include a four-credit course that meets weekly, an internship, monthly co-curricular events and alumni mentoring. Application deadline in mid-February.

**Global Leadership Summit** | A three-day summit inviting sophomores and juniors from across NYU’s global network to think critically about a complex real-world issue (such as the European refugee crisis or police reform in the U.S.) and develop the leadership skills needed to take action. Students work collaboratively with peers, leaders and community organizations. This program has been hosted in collaboration with other university partners including NYU Abu Dhabi, NYU Prague, Global Programs, Global Spiritual Life, the NYU Center for Multicultural Education and Programs, and currently John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Application deadline in early February.

**Liberal Studies Student Council** | The Liberal Studies Student Council (LSSC) directly represents the interests of Core Program and Global Liberal Studies students at NYU, across the global network, and within Liberal Studies. The LSSC ensure inclusive governance, advocates for issues important to all students, supports club activities and programming, and sponsors events and social gatherings for Liberal Studies. LSSC is headed by an Executive Board, as well as four class representatives (all elected democratically by the student body), and various administrative or service subcommittees. The Chair and Representative elections are held in the fall semester, while the remainder of the Executive Board members are elected in the spring semester. Interested students are welcome to join LSSC subcommittees or attend biweekly General Assembly meetings. Offered in Fall & Spring.

**Liberal Studies Student Leaders** | The Liberal Studies Student Leader (SL) program is an unique leadership opportunity where select students share their knowledge and experiences with first-year and prospective students, and develop community with other students, faculty, and administrators across Liberal Studies and NYU. In particular, Student Leaders are full-time students who serve as a resource and a driving force in creating a more international, cosmopolitan community for Liberal Studies students. Student Leaders are encouraged to propose inclusive and relevant programming that supports new and prospective students in their transition to Liberal Studies and NYU, including orientation and admissions events and other programming throughout the academic year. Application deadline in February.

**Liberal Studies Peer Mentors** | Mentorship programs are available for both first-generation and international students enrolled in Liberal Studies, where each student is matched with an upper-level peer mentor during the first year in Liberal Studies. The mentor helps with transition to college life, while providing academic and personal connections and support. The mentors are committed to offering guidance and encouragement, and answering questions about student life and resources. Application deadline in Fall.

**Peer Mentorship & Support Programs** | NYU offers numerous academic, community, and career-based leadership programs for students to serve as a resource for peers, such as Admissions Ambassadors, Resident Advisors, Commuter Assistants, Learning Assistants, Peer Educators, Career Ambassadors, and many more! For more information about peer support programs, visit bit.ly/NYUPeerMentorship.

**University Leadership Honors Course** | A course offered each spring semester as a team-taught interdisciplinary seminar, led by the Deputy President of NYU. Students accepted for ULHC are introduced to readings, interactive sessions, and self-assessment tools, but also participate in special meetings with top-level leaders and academics sharing insights about the nature and skills of effective leadership, professional growth, and self-awareness. The course is worth two credits, but acceptance is competitive. Students must be nominated by their school or academic program for application to this distinguished program. Application Deadline in October.

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