SUNY Student Leadership Academy 2020
June 3-5, 2020

SUNY Student Leadership Academy (SLA) Description

The SUNY Student Leadership Academy will prepare the next generation of civically-engaged leaders by providing them with the skills, knowledge, and tools needed to successful navigate and improve an increasing diverse and fractured community. This Academy, designed and delivered by professionals from across SUNY, leverages the collective assets of the system to provide a unique learning and networking opportunity for SUNY students.

The SLA is a three-day immersive experience where students learn together through a unique combination of class-room instruction, team-challenges, and immersion visits with local and national leaders in New York's capital. Each year, the Academy will be centered around a grand challenge designed to support students in learning how to collectively tackle a pressing-issue currently facing society, while also learning about vision setting, cultural intelligence, community impact, and stakeholder engagement.

2020 Grand Challenge

The United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals are a collection of 17 global goals designed to be a blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. The students will be divided into small groups and asked to select one of the 17 goals. Each group will then develop a strategy to address this question: How do we collectively take action to advance your selected SDG to transform your campuses and communities?

Students will work on the Grand Challenge throughout their experience, including interacting with local, state, and national leaders from government, education, business and non-profits to develop and test ideas. Each team will then present their project to a select group of judges, who will evaluate and provide feedback on their work.

Logistics

This year, the SLA will occur June 3-5, 2020, with University at Albany serving as the host campus. Students will have an opportunity to visit multiple organizations throughout New York's Capital Region. Housing for academy participants will be available for students at the University at Albany beginning June 2.

Participation

The SLA is open to any current SUNY student. Ideally, we strive to have a broad array of students representing the wonderfully rich diversity that defines our student body, with at least two students from every campus.

Academy Learning Objectives

By actively engaging in the SLA, students will be able to:

- ☐ Connect across differences as they pursue team-based collaborative solutions to complex social challenges related to the UN Sustainable Development Goals;
- ☐ Improve their understanding of their own culture intelligence and how it affects their ability to work in diverse groups;
- ☐ Expand their personal and professional network, both locally and globally;
- ☐ Deepen their understanding of New York's Capital Region as well as identify similarities and differences in their own local communities and beyond; and,
- ☐ Learn and flex skills of storytelling and be able articulate their story to future employers.

Student Eligibility Requirements

- ☐ Must be enrolled full-time or part-time in an accredited higher education institution with SUNY (or have graduated within 6 months of May 2020)
- ☐ Must have submitted a fully completed Student Leadership Academy Application
- ☐ Must be nominated by their campus and adhere to the campuses selection process.
- ☐ Applicant's participation is contingent upon campus approval and fiscal support**

**Student applicant's campus liaison will review all campus nominations and approve accepted candidates. Approval of each student includes fiscal support for the student(s) to fully participate in the SUNY Student Leadership Academy.

Role of SUNY Student Leadership Campus Liaison
The success of the SUNY Student Leadership Academy depends on strong connections between SUNY SAIL Institute and each of the SUNY campuses. The role of the Student Leadership Campus Liaison is intended to:

- ☐ Encourage and promote nominations of students from your campus. Nominations can be self-nomination, or you may nominate students
- ☐ Review nominations for your campus' student population
- ☐ Coordinate fiscal support for accepted students to represent your campus and fully participate

Faculty or Staff Campus Liaison

If you are a faculty or staff member interested in being a campus liaison for this program, please complete the sign-up form.

Cost Breakdown

The fee for the three-day program is **$800 per student**. Apartment-style housing will be provided at the University at Albany for participants. See the chart below for a detailed breakdown of costs.

Cost	Includes
$800/Student	Registration: *Administrative program and entry fees for the three-day Academy.* Food: *Breakfast and lunch for three days of programming. Students are responsible for dinner on their own.* Transportation: *Unlimited transportation on CDTA Bus System throughout the three-day Academy. Note: Transportation to and from Albany is not included.* Housing: *Students will stay at UAlbany's Empire Commons Apartments and accommodations include linens.*

Important dates and information

Call for Nominations	February 20, 2020
Nomination Period Opens	March 9th, 2020
Information Session (Campus Liaisons, Faculty, Staff)	March 3rd at 2:00pm for Faculty and Staff Information sessions will include an open-forum Q&A. Session will be recorded and on SAIL student leadership website for future viewing.
Nominations close	April 9, 2020
Selection Committee to review nominations	April 13-24, 2020
Acceptance Letters to Accepted Students	April 27, 2020
Housing Assignments Due	May 15, 2020
Student Leadership Academy	June 3-5, 2020

For more information, visit: https://sunysail.org/about-sail/student-leadership/ You may contact Merissa.McKasty@suny.edu for more information on ways to get involved.