

SMU International Student and Scholar Services

International Student Leadership Program Application 2024-2025

What is the International Student Leadership Program?

The International Student Leadership Program is designed to give you the opportunity to gain leadership skills, learn to take initiative, become involved in the SMU international community, and share your experiences with other international students.

What programs do International Student Leaders engage in?

- International Leader Training
- International Undergraduate Orientation
- International Graduate Orientation
- ILP Committees and Projects
- ISSS Events and Programs

Why become an International Leader?

- Leadership skills development
- Hands-on involvement in the international community
- Public speaking training and experience
- Letters of recommendation for future employer/graduate school, pending performance
- Compensation available for Orientation and Projects
- Leadership training opportunities
- Certificate of Completion

What are the eligibility requirements for an International Leader?

- Be enrolled for at least 1 full semester in an undergraduate or graduate degree program (Can be international or a globally minded student passionate about helping international students)
- Have at least a cumulative GPA of 3.00
- Be in good standing with the university
- Be motivated to learn and engage with the SMU community
- Have strong communication skills
- Willingness to fully engage in the program and its activities
- Availability to attend regular International Leader Trainings and mandatory events (with advanced notice)
- This position is not eligible for remote work
- **Be available to begin work in person two weeks before the start of the fall 2024 semester.**

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, April 8th at 11:59 pm,: Complete applications due to anar@smu.edu by the end of the day

Monday, April 15th - Wednesday, April 17th: Interviews for those who move to the second round

Friday, April 19th: Announcement of 2024-2025 International Student Leaders

Friday, April 26th: Meet with the 2023-2024 ILP Team and Welcome the 2024-2025 ILP Team.

See priority deadlines below:

Priority Deadline:

The priority deadline is the date by which students who wish to demonstrate enthusiastic interest in the International Leadership Program can apply. Students who apply by this deadline will receive early interview slots, will be eligible to receive one of the two slots in the program reserved for priority applicants, and will receive early notice of acceptance (if applicable).

If you are not selected as a priority applicant in the first round of priority interviews, you will be considered again with the non-priority applicants. In addition, your application will be marked as a “priority applicant,” which will demonstrate your interest in the program to the selection committee.

Applying as a priority applicant is highly encouraged but not required.

Note: Those who apply as priority applicants will not be required to interview twice if they are not selected in the first round of interviews.

PRIORITY DATES

Monday, March 25th at 11:59 pm: Complete applications due to anar@smu.edu by the end of the day.

Monday, April 1st - Wednesday, April 3rd: Priority interviews for those that move to the second round.

Friday, April 26th: Meet with the 2023-2024 ILP Team and Welcome the 2024-2025 ILP Team.

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If you have any questions, please email Ana Reyna at anar@smu.edu

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Application Form | Please print clearly or type.

<i>Full Legal Name</i>	
<i>Preferred Name</i>	<i>SMU ID Number</i>
<i>SMU Email</i>	<i>Cumulative GPA</i>
<i>Current Degree Program</i>	<i>Anticipated Graduation</i>
<i>What other commitments will you have in the upcoming year, if any (Internships, student organizations, etc.)?</i>	

Application Questions for New Applicants: Please answer the following questions on a separate typed page and include it with this application. Your responses should be no more than two pages long.

1. Why do you want to join the International Student Leadership Program, and what do you think you will gain from this experience?
2. What skills, abilities, or experiences do you feel you can contribute to the program?
3. How do you feel you contribute to making SMU a globally-minded campus? You may also include anything else you would like us to consider as we review applicants

Letter of Recommendation (Optional): You may attach one letter of recommendation from an SMU Faculty or Staff member highlighting your skills and any experiences that make you a great candidate for the International Student Leadership Program. This is not required to apply but is a good supporting document if available. **Have the SMU Faculty or Staff member send them directly to anar@smu.edu.**

Application Questions for Current International Student Leaders: Please answer the following questions and include them with this application. Your responses should be no more than two pages long.

1. Why would you like to complete an additional year in the program, and what do you hope to gain from it?
2. How do you plan to contribute to the International Leadership program during your next year?
3. How have you contributed to the international community this past year? How do you plan to build upon these contributions?
4. What new ideas do you have for the upcoming year?

Application due via email to anar@smu.edu by 11:59 PM on Monday, April 8th or March 25th (Priority Applicants)

Subject Line of Application Email: ILP Application [your full name]

A complete application includes (1) a Completed Application Form and (2) your application question responses. You may also include the optional Letter of Recommendation.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Students picked for personal interviews will be contacted via email to set up an interview time.