

International Leadership Program Application 2025-2026

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 Leadership Training
- International Student Orientation
- ILP Committees and Projects
- ISSS Events and Programs

Key Responsibilities of an ILP Leader

- Assist with the organization and execution of ISSS events
- Participate in triweekly meetings and mandatory events
- Support new and current students by addressing their questions
- Collaborate effectively with peers during events and monthly ILP meetings

What are the eligibility requirements for an International Leader?

- Must have completed at least one semester at SMU and be a current undergraduate or graduate student
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 and in good standing with the university
- Strong communication skills and a commitment to engaging with the SMU community
- Willingness to fully participate in program activities, including required trainings and events
- Position requires in-person participation; remote work is not available
- **Must be on campus and available to work at SMU from August 15th**

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, March 31st at 8:00 AM: Final ILP Deadline

Monday, April 7th: Interviews for those who move to the second round

Wednesday April 23rd: ILP Meeting, 2024-2025 ILP Team welcomes 2025-2026 ILP Team

Friday, August 15th: ILP Training

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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).

As a priority applicant, if you are not selected 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 "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.

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If you have any questions, please email 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>Email</i>	<i>Cumulative GPA</i>
<i>Current Degree Program</i>	<i>Anticipated Graduation (Month and Year)</i>
<i>What other commitments will you have in the upcoming year if any: (Internships, student organizations, etc.)?</i>	

Application Questions: Answer the following questions on a separate typed page and include it with this application. Please limit your responses to no more than 2 pages total.

1. Why do you want to join the International 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 a SMU Faculty or Staff member highlighting your skills and any experiences that make you a great candidate for the International Leadership Program. This is not required to apply but is a good supporting document if available.

Application due via email to anar@smu.edu by **8:00 AM on Monday, March 31st**. A complete application includes (1) 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.