

FACT SHEET



LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

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a summer internship program

WHAT IS IT?

Leadership in Action (LIA) is a summer internship program designed to develop emerging leaders by providing college students with practical leadership skills and the opportunity to gain hands-on experience working in Asian and Pacific Islander (API) community organizations. The program takes learning beyond the classroom, giving students opportunities to gain real-life experience working with prominent members of the API community.

WHAT WILL I DO?

- *Participate in leadership development training that develops me into a self-assured, knowledgeable leader
- *Work at a nonprofit organization in the community
- *Team with other youth leaders in creating a community project
- *Make an impact in my community

HOW IS THE PROGRAM STRUCTURED?

- *Intern 4 days a week in a Southern California area, community-based organization
- *Convene one day a week at LEAP to build and strengthen leadership skills
Topics have included:
 - *Making powerful and persuasive presentations
 - *Understanding how to work with media
 - *Learning how to work effectively in a team
 - *Developing a career plan
 - *Assessing issues API communities face through panels/discussion with API leaders
- *While all this is happening, also find time to design and develop a community impact project with your fellow interns

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

College students or recent graduates with...

- *Prior experience in Asian and Pacific Islander communities
- *A passion for learning and growing their leadership skills
- *An interest in gaining work experience in an Asian and Pacific Islander community-based nonprofit organization

HOW TO APPLY

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must have finished two years of college by June 22, 2009 and either currently enrolled in college or a recent graduate. All applicants must be able to complete the full 8-week program. Interns will receive \$2,000 for successful completion of the 8-week program. Interns are responsible for their own housing, transportation, and insurance.

ABOUT LEAP Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP) is a national, non-profit, community-based organization with a mission to achieve full participation and equality for Asian Pacific Americans through leadership, empowerment and policy.

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INTERN APPLICATION FORM



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application form

Leadership in Action (LIA) is a summer internship program designed to develop emerging leaders by providing college students with opportunities to gain hands-on experience working in Asian and Pacific Islander (API) community-based nonprofit organizations of Southern California.

Leadership in Action interns are placed in selected community-based organizations in Southern California, where they are expected to work 4 full days per week under an assigned staff supervisor. Work assignments differ according to each organization's programs and needs.

Each week, one day will be devoted to leadership development training or issue discussions and group project work. Nationally recognized trainers will deliver workshops in critical skill areas. Issue discussions are on local or timely topics of interest and are facilitated by local community leaders/activists.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- *Demonstrated leadership
- *Community service
- *Interpersonal skills
- *Written and verbal communication skills
- *Maturity and professional demeanor
- *Grade point average

Applicants must have finished two years of college by June 22, 2009.

Applicants must be either currently enrolled in college or a recent graduate.

PROGRAM LENGTH AND STIPEND

The eight-week program runs from June 22 through August 14, 2009.

Interns will receive compensation in the amount of \$2,000 for successful completion of the program and are responsible for their own housing, transportation, and insurance.

DEADLINE

All application materials due Thursday, March 12, 2009.

Applicants will be notified of our decision by April 3, 2009.

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1) PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name _____

_____ Please check here if you will have finished two years of college by June 22, 2009

Current Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Valid until _____

Telephone Number (day & evening) _____

E-mail Address _____

_____ Please check here if you would like final notification of your application to be sent to your permanent address

Permanent Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

Ethnicity* _____ Generation* (Immigrant=1st) _____
(* for demographic purposes only)

2) EDUCATION

Schools Attended (include location)	From (mo/yr)	To (mo/yr)
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High School _____		
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Undergraduate _____		
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Graduate _____		
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Field/Major _____	Graduation Date _____
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3) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Applicants are requested to submit, with their application, two letters of recommendation written by people (e.g. professor, employer, student advisor, etc.) who can comment on your leadership skills as well as the extent of your community service. Recommendations should not be written by friends or family members. If feasible, at least one letter should be written by a representative of a community-based organization who is familiar with your community work. Please include the recommendation letters and forms in sealed envelopes along with your application postmarked by March 12, 2009. Please list below the persons who will submit recommendations:

Name _____	Title _____
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School/Org. _____	Telephone _____
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Name _____	Title _____
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please tear and submit this application together with other requested materials ✕

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Application Form (continued)

4) SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Enclose a current official transcript of all coursework
- Enclose a detailed resume including:
 - 1) Relevant work experience
 - 2) Community activities / Extracurricular activities
 - 3) Honors, Awards, Scholarships
 - 4) Special Interests
 - 5) Skills (e.g. computer skills, language fluency)

5) PERSONAL STATEMENT

In a one-page, single spaced, typed statement please include responses to the following questions:

- What types of experience have you had in leadership and community involvement?
- How has your experience contributed to your role in the Asian and Pacific Islander community?
- What do you hope to gain from your Leadership in Action internship experience?
- How did you hear about the program (e.g. counselor, advisor, campus or community organization, friend, brochure, email, etc.)?

I certify that the information provided above is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I give permission to LEAP, Leadership in Action and the sponsoring organizations to share this information for the purposes of recruitment and public relations.

Signature _____ Date _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE: THURSDAY, March 12, 2009
Application, letters and supporting documents must be postmarked
by this date for consideration.

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