At a time when public institutions and governments are challenged to serve effectively and efficiently, the demand for innovative leaders has never been stronger.

The UCLA Luskin Leadership Initiative enhances student engagement to provide experiences that are essential to a modern approach to public service. The Initiative develops transformative leaders through integrated teaching strategies and research activities, and creates a public forum for critical analysis.
DEVELOPING TOMORROW’S LEADERS
Innovators, Change Agents, Problem Solvers

INITIATIVE COMPONENTS

Senior Fellows Leadership Program
Launched in 1997, the Senior Fellows Leadership Program is UCLA Luskin’s premier executive-level engagement program. The program features policy, public service, business and community leaders who act as role models for UCLA Luskin graduate students. Representing a diverse range of policy interests, political viewpoints and social backgrounds, each Senior Fellow contributes his or her time and expertise through the professional mentorship of two to three graduate students. Fellows also participate in School-wide conferences, provide policy briefings, facilitate leadership seminars and act as classroom guest speakers.

Executive Apprenticeships
Exceptional graduate students augment their studies with high-level internships at agencies and nonprofits in L.A. and beyond. The Bohnett Fellowships embed three students in the administration of the City of Los Angeles. Rosenfield Fellows work side-by-side with executives at some of the city’s top nonprofit organizations. Dukakis Fellows address issues of importance to California policymakers. Other named fellowships motivate students to study Latino issues, Canada-U.S. relations and globalization.

Skill-Building Workshops
All graduate students are encouraged to take part in workshops and seminars designed to build leadership skills and experience. Sessions on campaign management, advocacy and community organization are paired with training in public speaking, career planning, interviewing and emerging technologies. These activities provide real-world experience for students looking to activate the theoretical foundations of their graduate education.

Professional Development Opportunities
UCLA Luskin’s graduate education is designed to serve as a launchpad for students eager to serve the public. From field internships and capstone projects to applied public policy reports and critical analyses, the curriculum is infused with opportunities to engage real-world challenges. The International Practice Pathways program places students in summer internships around the world, endowing their education with a global perspective.

ELIGIBILITY & APPLYING
All UCLA Luskin students are eligible for participation in Leadership Initiative activities, although some components are accessible only by invitation. The Senior Fellows Leadership Program is the gateway to the Initiative, and interested students should apply for a mentorship relationship with a Senior Fellow. Applications are accepted during the first three weeks of Fall Quarter, and may be initiated by contacting VC Powe, executive director of external programs, at powe@luskin.ucla.edu.

Other leadership opportunities are available throughout the year, and will be announced through the UCLA Luskin website.

Learn more at luskin.ucla.edu/content/leadership-initiative