The LEADR Living-Learning Community is a NEW residential opportunity focused on easing the transition to college and providing support to students who are one of the first in their families to go to college and are pursuing a major in engineering.

Academic success is encouraged through connected courses with their peers, and increased faculty and staff interaction. Additional support for members of this community will be provided by the LEADR ambassadors—student leaders who have experienced being a first-generation engineering student and who are looking to share their experiences with incoming students.

Students will also have the opportunity to develop friendships and community with the shared experience that first-generation engineering students may feel as they navigate their college and campus.

**About LEADR:** LEADR is a new Living-Learning Community (LLC) designed to help first-generation engineering students navigate their first year of college. Students will live together on the LEADR-designated floor in Kearney Hall in the Tercero area and participate in programs designed to enhance and support their academic success in engineering and foster a sense of community outside of the classroom.

**Learning Outcomes:**
- To help students foster a greater sense of belonging to UC Davis, the College of Engineering and each other
- Students will gain an understanding of what engineering is, and how to be successful in their first year
- Students will learn how to navigate college as a first-generation student, and learn concrete tools for success in the first year to graduation; including where to go for academic and personal support, how to engage with faculty and staff, and how to participate in the campus community.
**Academic and Personal Support:**

**Connected Course:** ENG 11:
Introduction to Engineering, is a 1-unit course for students majoring (or planning to major) in engineering. This course focuses on: 1) Engineering Grand Challenges and the types of engineering majors offered in the College of Engineering 2) Transitioning to College—including exposure to campus resources, study skill instructions and success strategies 3) Day in the Life of A Professional Engineering—hearing from alumni about what it is like to transition to the workforce and/or graduate school.

**Evening Programing:** Programs in the evening will focus on the unique experiences of being a first-generation college student. Examples of topics include: what is “college”; how to talk to your family about college; faculty speakers who are first-generation; peer connections who share similar backgrounds; formation of study groups
**Social Activities:** Throughout the year, the LEADR Program offers social activities for all LEADR students. Past activities have included game night, movie night, and study jams.