LEADR

Q) Who can participate in LEADR?
(A) Participants must be engineering students (or students who are seriously pursuing a change of major to the College of Engineering) and who meet one or more of the following criteria:
- First-generation and/or Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) students
- Participated in the Special Transitional Enrichment Program (STEP)
- Past participation in the MESA Engineering Pre-College or Community College Programs, AVID, Upward Bound, or similar pre-college enrichment programs
- Potential for leadership in increasing the participation of students in engineering for historically underrepresented groups

Q) Who is a first-generation student?
(A) A student whose parent(s)/guardian(s) did not graduate from a four-year institution.

Q) Do I have to attend LEADR Summer Bridge, STEP or live in the LEADR Living-Learning Community to be part of the LEADR Program?
(A) Participation in the LEADR Program is not contingent upon attending any of the summer bridge programs (STEP or LEADR Summer Bridge) or living on the LEADR floor, however each of these programs provide immediate access to the program.

However, because participation in the above programs depends upon an application process, we do not want to exclude any potential LEADR student from participating in the program. Other pathways to LEADR include (1) responding to our general invite email which will be sent at the beginning of Fall Quarter (2) attending EOP Fall Welcome (LEADR will provide information about the program during this event, which is usually held at the beginning of Fall Quarter) or (3) contacting Laura Hackett (lahackett@ucdavis.edu), the LEADR Program Advisor, who will include you on an email list to be notified of upcoming LEADR activities, seminars, etc. (especially if you do not receive the email invite).
LEADR Summer Bridge (LSB)

Q) Why should I participate in the LSB Program?
(A) Students who participated in the 2016 LSB Program found it to be a valuable experience that helped them get acquainted to UC Davis, LEADR, and the College of Engineering. Participating in the LSB Program allows you to make connections with peers before classes even start, introduces you to campus resources, and provides you with insights into the engineering profession. Students should apply to participate in the LSB Program if they would like to have a smooth transition to the college experience and are curious and committed to learning about what it takes to be successful in the engineering major and profession.

Q) How will I be notified that I have been accepted into the LSB Program?
(A) All communication regarding the LSB Program will be sent to your UC Davis email address. Please check this email regularly, as, throughout the process, there is a quick turn-around time for confirming your acceptance and returning registration packets.

Q) How do I apply for LEADR?
(A) Students who attend LSB are automatically in the LEADR Program. If you are not accepted into the LSB Program, you may still be part of LEADR in the Fall Quarter. Please contact Laura Hackett (lahackett@ucdavis.edu) to be included in the email list, and plan to participate in other LEADR activities.

Q) Is there a waitlist?
(A) Yes, due to the high volume of applications, and the possibility of plans changing for accepted students, there will be a waitlist for the LSB Program. If your application is denied, you will be placed on the waitlist.

Q) Why do I need to attend Summer Orientation if I am participating in LSB?
(A) First-Year Engineering Orientation (August 10th-11th or August 14th-15th) is a campus-run program that will introduce you to campus resources, provide you an overview of your major, help you register for fall courses, and inform you about college policies and processes. The LSB Program will not cover these same areas and will focus instead on the transition to college and exposure to the engineering profession.
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(exception-there will be exposure to campus resources connected to the program, like the Student Academic Success Center). Please refer to http://orientation.ucdavis.edu/first-year/ for more information on Orientation.

Q) Where will I stay during the LSB Program?
(A) All students will live on-campus in a residence hall. Whether or not you are planning to live on-campus for the 2017-2018 academic year, you will be required to stay in the residence hall for the duration of the program. All meals will be provided at the dining commons. For the program, you will be assigned a roommate and share a double-room. At the conclusion of the LSB Program (Friday, September 22nd), the LEADR Program will assist students in moving into their residence for the academic year.

Q) Can I explore Davis on my own?
(A) There will be designated activities for exploration of Downtown Davis and UC Davis. When exploring you will need to be accompanied by a Resident Mentor, a current LEADR student who will help with your transition to the college, campus and student life.

(Q) Do we need to pay for anything?
(A) LEADR does not charge for any program costs. This includes room lodging and meals. Also, as a participant in this summer bridge program, you will have free access to the Activities and Recreation Center (aka the ARC), the campus’s workout facility. The only cost to you will be travel to the program.

LEADR will not cover costs for parking or laundry, lost room key card fees, or valuables. You may want to bring extra spending money for on- or off-campus purchases, for instance while visiting Downtown Davis or the bookstore, but consider keeping the amount to a small minimum.

Q) What if I cannot attend all of the days of the LSB Program?
(A) In order to be a participant in the LSB Program, you must be able to attend all days of the program, from Sunday, September 17th to Friday, September 22nd. LSB is a “summer intensive” program and we require participants to commit to the duration of the program, including all activities and events during the program.
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Q) I am attending the Special Transitional Enrichment Program (STEP), can I also attend the LSB Program?
(A) Since LEADR works with students during the STEP Program, and will be covering some of the same material during LSB, students may only attend one of the summer programs. If you are accepted into STEP, we do highly encourage you to attend.

LEADR Living-Learning Community

Q) What is the benefit of living on a Living-Learning Community floor?
(A) Students who live in a Living-Learning Communities have the unique experience of living with peers who share similar interests, classes, and backgrounds.

The LEADR Living-Learning Community will be for first-generation students who plan to study engineering. Events will be planned for the floor that includes: social activities, interaction with faculty members who are also first-generation, study group formation, and presentations on engineering related topics.

Floor members will also be eligible to enroll in Introduction to Issues in Engineering—a LEADR Program seminar. Course registration numbers (CRNs) for this one-unit, P/NP course will be provided to students in later correspondence.

Q) Who will be living in LEADR Living-Learning Community?
(A) The LEADR Living-Learning Community will include students who attend the Special Transitional Enrichment Program, the LEADR Summer Bridge Program, and students who would like to be part of LEADR but did not attend either summer program.

Q) How will I be notified that I have been accepted into the LEADR Living-Learning Community?
(A) All communication regarding the LEADR Living-Learning Community will be sent to your UC Davis email address. Please check this email regularly, as once you are accepted you will need to go into your UC Davis housing application and change your
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living preferences to reflect the LEADR Living-Learning Community. If accepted, you will be given access to make this choice.

Q) How do I apply for LEADR?
(A) Engineering students who live on the LEADR Living-Learning Community floor are automatically in the LEADR Program. If you are not accepted into the LEADR Living-Learning Community, you may still be part of LEADR in the fall quarter. Please contact Laura Hackett (lahackett@ucdavis.edu) to be included in the email list, and plan to participate in other LEADR activities.

Q) I want to live with my friend, who is also coming to UC Davis, will she/he be able to live on this floor, too?
(A) The LEADR Living-Learning Community will have a special focus on first-generation students studying engineering. All evening programming and extra activities will be centered on these themes. When deciding where you and your friend want to live, we encourage you to make a decision that will be best for the both of you. With that being said, if you have a friend who would like to be on this floor with you, and are accepted onto the floor, we can make arrangements for the two of you to room together.