Ventures in Leadership Program

Mission
The Ventures in Leadership Program (VLP) is a quarter-long training accelerator for student leaders to improve their individual leadership, advance their group’s teamwork, and focus on success. The Ventures in Leadership Program spotlights the how and why of leadership, enabling groups to better pursue their unique what. Upon completion of the VLP, students will be able to better identify how their leadership style works with their peers, what type of leadership their team needs, and how to more effectively build a legacy by transitioning to the next generation of leaders.

Objectives/Goals of the VLP
1. Students will improve their understanding of how they interact with their teams and co-leaders in specific ways that are unique to their leadership style and group’s mission.
2. Teams will receive critical feedback and support from a skilled coach, who will seek to understand the underlying opportunities and challenges present in each team.
3. As groups complete the program, the Center for Leadership will spread its network of connected students.

Opportunities for VLP Participants Include:
• Each team will be given a Leadership Coach. They will meet with their coach every other week to engage material from the Center for Leadership, reflect on their experience and learning experiences, and participate in focused discussion about leadership.
• Students may choose to use the VLP as a student organized symposium, which is worth 1 (one) elective academic credit.
• In future years, successful VLP groups may submit a proposal to the CFL to present their work at the Center for Leadership Conference.
• Upon completion of the quarter-long program by all members, teams are given a $2,500 grant towards the project outlined in their application.
Requirements and Selection Process

- Group size: 3-6 members
  - A maximum of 6 members from each group can participate in the program, typically executive leadership for larger groups. (Exceptions can be made, as mutually agreed between CFL and your group).
- Group status: your group does not need to be university recognized or already established, you simply must be either:
  - 1. A new organization getting set up in the past year
  - 2. An existing team taking up a new project outside of what you have done in the past
  - 3. A team going through significant change
  - 4. Comprised of full-time enrolled Northwestern undergraduate students
- Student participants must be available for a one-hour meeting every other week with their Leadership Coach; this time is separate from regular scheduling your team might have for board meetings or group check-ins.
- Selection Process:
  - Groups must complete the questionnaire below by Monday, March 5th at noon.
  - After review, a final group of up to 10 candidate teams will be notified on Wednesday, March 7th.
  - Final candidates are invited to interview with the Center for Leadership during the week of Monday, March 12th, with the accepted teams being announced on Friday, March 16th.

Submission Instructions

1. Apply for your group online using this link by Monday, March 5th at noon. Each group needs only to apply once, not per individual.
2. If your team is selected for the second round on March 7th, prepare for a group interview to take place the week of March 12th-March 15th.
   a. Part of this second round may involve individual questionnaires
3. The four selected teams must be able to meet the requirements listed in the above sections.