

2023-24 Leadership & Society Initiative Application

Welcome and congratulations again on being selected to submit a full application to join the inaugural cohort of the University of Chicago's Leadership & Society Initiative.

LSI has provided this Word Document with all application questions to help prepare your submission. All final materials must be submitted using our application portal by 5:00pm CT on Tuesday, February 28: leadforsociety.uchicago.edu/apply/

If you are applying with your partner or spouse:

Please provide the name and email address of you partner when prompted in the 'Personal Information' section. Each partner is required to submit a full application separately, and the LSI team will pair your applications. Partners will be reviewed through a parallel process and admission will ultimately be offered to the couple if selected.

The core components of the application are:

- Uploading unofficial transcripts from all prior degree programs
- Three (3) short answer questions (up to 250 words each)
- A Statement of Purpose (up to 1,000 words)
- Providing names and contact information for two (2) references

Each section provides detailed instructions for what is required.

Applications are due by 5:00pm CT on Tuesday, February 28.

The full admission timeline is listed below for reference. Should you have any questions, please contact the LSI team at leadforsociety@uchicago.edu.

2023-2024 LSI admissions timeline:

- February 28: Full LSI applications are due.
- March: Select candidates are invited to participate in video interviews.
- April 1: Admission notifications are sent out to candidates.
- May 1: Accepted candidates must confirm their intention to complete the fellowship experience.
- September 25: The inaugural cohort arrives on campus to begin the program.

Thank you again and we look forward to reviewing your submission.

Submit Your Candidacy

Personal Information

Please list your name here as it appears on your legal identification (passport, driver's license, national ID, etc.). You may use the "Preferred" name field to indicate the name you prefer to be called.

1. Prefix (Optional):
2. Name:
3. Preferred Name:
4. Address:
5. Email:
6. Phone Number:
7. Are you applying with a partner or spouse?
 - If yes, please provide your partner's name and email so we can match your applications:
 - Partner Designation:
 - I am the primary partner applying
 - I am the accompanying partner applying
 - Both partners would like to be considered as a primary LSI Fellow

(You and your partner should each complete an application form and submit separately. Both partners will be reviewed individually by the Selection Committee, but admission will be offered to the couple.)

Biographical Information

1. Sex Assigned at Birth (for reporting purposes):
2. Gender Identity:
3. Pronouns:
4. Date of Birth:
5. Birth Country:
6. Primary Citizenship:
7. Dual Citizenship (optional):

Education

Information for all post-secondary education is required. In addition, please provide details for all relevant continuing education, professional development, and other credentials. Official copies of all transcript documents will only be required upon accepting an offer of admission.

1. Please provide the name(s) of previous institutions you went to, the degree, and year of receipt:
2. Upload unofficial transcripts from all post-secondary education (upload button)
3. If unofficial transcripts are not available, please explain: (short answer)

4. (Optional) List academic honors, scholarships, fellowships, memberships in honor societies, or any other evidence of scholarly achievement: (Please limit to 50 words)

Professional and Leadership Experience

For the admissions committee to review, please submit your resume/CV. Make sure it lists any significant work experience (both professional and volunteer, paid and unpaid).

1. Years of Experience:
2. Primary Industry:
3. Primary Function:
4. Highest Level of Professional Leadership Attained (drop down):
 - Chief Executive of an organization
 - Chief Officer or Head of a division within an organization
 - Vice or Deputy Executive of an organization
 - Vice or Deputy Officer of a division with an organization
 - Managing or Senior Partner within an organization
 - Director within an organization
 - Other (please specify)
5. If you selected 'other' for industry, function, and/or leadership attained, please specify here:
6. List professional honors, awards, recognitions, or any other evidence of professional achievement: (Please limit to 50 words)
7. List notable volunteer work, board service, or philanthropic work (please limit to 100 words):
8. List examples of your thought leadership, including media appearances, public speaking, presentations, etc. (please limit to 100 words):
9. If your primary experience has been volunteer-based, in the home, or self-directed, please briefly describe the nature of your work:
10. Linked-In URL (if applicable):
11. Resume/CV if available:

Short Answer Questions

Please answer the first three short answer questions. The fourth question is optional.

1. As part of the Leadership & Society Initiative you'll have the chance to become a beginner again. How will you approach this opportunity? (limit 250 words)
2. Tell us about a societal issue that keeps you up at night and why. (limit 250 words)
3. LSI is a peer learning experience, one that we hope will create powerful bonds for life. What perspective, experience, and/or personal qualities will you contribute to the cohort and to your peers? (limit 250 words)
4. Some candidates have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story. (limit 250 words)

Statement of Purpose

Please provide a Statement of Purpose explaining why you are pursuing a next chapter of purpose for society. What draws you to this Fellowship? How do you imagine you and your life might be different following LSI? How can LSI and the University of Chicago's resources more broadly support your learning, community building, and future leadership? We are eager to hear how this experience and LSI's distinctive curriculum can support your journey. (Please limit to 1,000 words)

References

Please provide contact information for two (2) references from professional or personal contacts you feel will add additional insight to your application. The LSI team will contact references directly.

1. First Reference:
 1. full name, title/affiliation, email address, phone number, relationship
2. Second Reference:
 1. full name, title/affiliation, email address, phone number, relationship

Closing Acknowledgements

Please affirm the below statements.

I understand that my application will be reviewed by a Selection Committee including LSI staff, University faculty, and external advisors.

I understand that LSI programming will be held primarily in-person for the full 2023-2024 academic year (September 2023-June 2024) based at the University's Hyde Park campus. I am prepared for this time commitment and to be physically present to the best of my abilities:

(LSI aims to schedule programming from Monday to Wednesday each week, with the goal of having Thursday and Friday free for Fellows to honor existing obligations and travel as needed.)

Applicant Signature

The University of Chicago is a community of scholars dedicated to research, academic excellence, the pursuit and cultivation of new knowledge, and the robust intellectual exchange among faculty and students. In support of this mission, every member of the University - student, faculty, other academic appointees, and staff - makes a commitment to strive for personal and academic integrity; to treat others with dignity and respect; to honor the rights and property of others; to take responsibility for individual and group behavior; and to act as a responsible citizen in a free academic community and in the larger society. Any student conduct, on or off campus, of individuals or groups, that threatens or violates this commitment may become a matter for University action. The University expects an applicant who has

accepted admission but who has not yet assumed an active role at the University to have made the same commitment. Admission may be deferred or revoked for fraud, misrepresentation, material omission of fact, dishonesty, violation of University standards in the application for admission, violation of University academic standards, or any other pre-matriculation misconduct.

By signing below, you signify that ALL of the information you have provided in your application is truthful, complete and accurate, and that all of the material that you have submitted as your own work, in fact, is entirely your own work.

I certify that the information that I have provided in my application is truthful, complete and accurate, and that all of the material that I have submitted as my own work, in fact, is entirely my own work.

In place of your signature, please type your full legal name: _____