



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
NEWCASTLE  
AUSTRALIA

# ILEAD

**INTERNATIONAL  
LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**



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[www.ilead.edu.au](http://www.ilead.edu.au)

# iLEAD IS...

- the University of Newcastle's 'International Leadership Experience and Development' Program
- an exceptional opportunity for students of all backgrounds to gain experience and skills in the areas of leadership and international affairs.
- an opportunity to take seminars on topics that interest you or that will further your career, listen to world-class speakers and gain your own international and leadership experience.

## How to Complete the Program

Completing the program has a few major steps:

1. Go to an Induction Seminar to get you started.
2. Attend the International Leaders Series:  
A series of lectures by high profile speakers who are experts and international leaders in their field.
3. Participate in Skill Building Seminars:  
A total of nine dynamic skill-building seminars over the duration of your program.
4. Gain Experience: Gain leadership and international experience by undertaking activities such as student exchange, internships, volunteering and community work activities. The University is offering travel scholarships of up to \$3000 to subsidise these activities.

## About the Seminar Series

A big part of iLEAD is the skill-building seminars. The seminars are designed to be hands-on and practical – they are about way more than just sitting in a lecture! Through the seminars you'll meet heaps of other UoN students who are interested in the same sorts of things as you.

The seminars revolve around the three program themes: Leadership in an International Context; International Awareness; and Community, Diversity and Integration.

In order to complete the program you need to take three seminars from each theme. There are always more seminars being added. Seminars cover topics like:

- Models and styles of leadership
- Critical global trends and issues
- Cross Cultural Project Management
- Citizenship and Social Responsibility

## About the International Leaders Series

Once or twice per semester the iLEAD Program will bring you face to face with a leader who is internationally renowned in their field.

These leaders will deliver a lecturer to members of the iLEAD Program and then you'll have the chance to ask them questions... whatever you want to know!

## Gaining your international leadership experience

One of the most exciting parts of the iLEAD is the opportunity to get both leadership and international experience by undertaking activities either in Australia or around the world.

Over the course of your program you have to gain 100 'points' worth of experience. You can gain points by going on exchange or doing an intensive holiday study program overseas, by doing local or international volunteering or internships, by being part of clubs, societies and local organisations in and around Newcastle and much much more. There are literally hundreds of opportunities available to students.

## List of experiential options available to students

- Volunteer at a primate care centre in Thailand
- Do a semester student exchange program in one of 20 countries
- Do a summer school at Oxford or Cambridge
- Attend specialist seminars with experts in your field elsewhere in Australia
- Work with indigenous communities on a conservation project in Borneo

- Teach sport to children in HIV-affected communities in Africa
- Learn another language, like French in France, Italian in Italy or Spanish in Mexico. Alternatively, take a language course here in Australia!
- Work for a grass-roots advocacy group on an issue you are passionate about
- Volunteer with desert elephants in Namibia
- Assist on research projects in Patagonia
- Take an intensive course in English on International Law (Czech Republic), Psychology (London), Business (Milan), Health (Mexico), Environment and Sustainability (Malaysia)
- Lead a group to a model United Nations conference in Singapore
- Undertake rainforest conservation and community development in Ecuador
- Teach English in Central America
- Do an internship with Bovis Lend Lease, Talent2 or the Renaissance Hotel in Malaysia
- Undertake an internship in Washington DC, New York or elsewhere in the USA
- Undertake community work in Australia or abroad
- Participate in an intensive leadership program in the Czech Republic or the USA
- Do project work helping to run a not-for-profit organisation
- Attend an international conference in your academic discipline

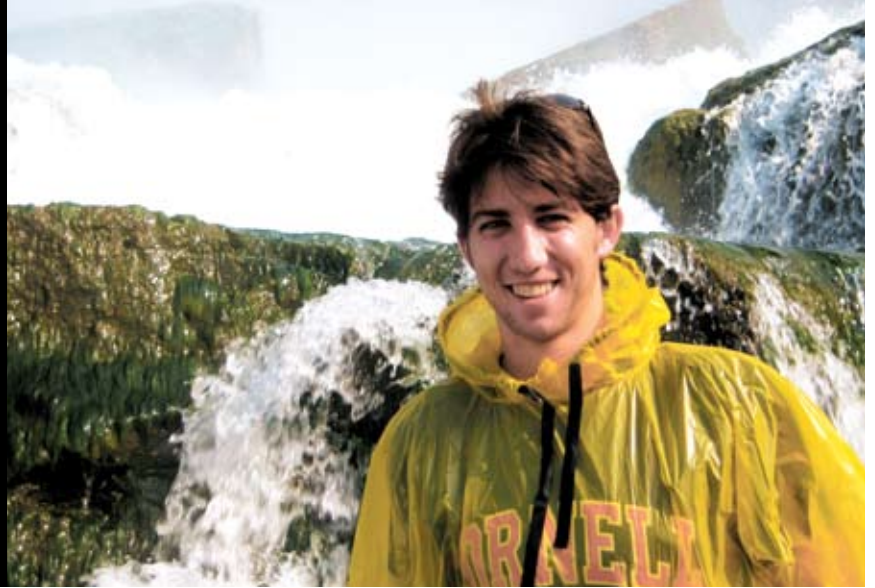
This list is just a small sample of the opportunities available to students. To see a bigger list of opportunities, see the webpage at [www.ilead.edu.au](http://www.ilead.edu.au)

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It would be no exaggeration to say that my experience on exchange in the USA has been the most valuable life-changing and maturing experience of my life. While sometimes difficult, lonely and challenging, it has been like cramming three years of life experience into one and forcing me to become more independent, socially-confident and motivated in all aspects of life. Going home and seeing that no one else has changed or had the same experiences emphasises how valuable it has been.

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# iLEAD THEMES

The program themes form the competencies that students must obtain to complete the program.

**Leadership in an International Context**

Fundamentals of leadership and the skills it requires in the context of intercultural communication and cross-cultural environments.

**International Awareness**

Understanding and critical analysis of global issues and the role of international frameworks.

**Community, Integration and Diversity**

Concepts of belonging to, and playing a role in, a community; and, the integration of different cultures into diverse work and community environments.

## STEP 1 REGISTRATION AND INDUCTION

## STEP 2 iLEAD SEMINARS

Students will attend four lectures from the International Leaders Series and nine Skill Building Seminars.

**International Leaders Series**

The International Leaders Series is an ongoing series of high profile speakers (1-2 per semester) who are experts and international leaders in their field. Students will attend a minimum of 4 ILS lectures in order to complete the iLEAD program.

**Skill Building Seminars**

Students will complete a minimum of 3 skill building seminars under each ‘theme’.

Some example seminars are:

**Leadership in an International Context**

- Intercultural Communication
- Models of Leadership
- Business/Cultural acumen and etiquette
- Other relevant seminar

**International Awareness**

- Global Business Issues
- International Systems
- World Paradigms
- Other relevant seminar

**Community, Integration and Diversity**

- Citizenship and Social Responsibility
- Cross Cultural Project Management
- Diverse Communities
- Other relevant seminar

**OUTCOMES**

Develop skills (participate in seminars)

## STEP 3 EXPERIENTIAL OPTIONS

Students will complete a total of 100 points worth of ‘Experience’ spread across the three program ‘themes’.

**Leadership in an International Context**

- eg. Independent International Project (50 points)
- eg. Local community project work (50 points)
- eg. Domestic/International Projects (50 points)
- eg. Attending other approved seminar/event (5 points)

**International Awareness**

- eg. Student exchange (80 points)
- eg. International short courses (40 points)
- eg. Language other than English (major) (60 points)
- eg. Attending other approved seminar/event (5 points)

**Community, Integration and Diversity**

- eg. Community Connections (30 points)
- eg. Buddy program (20 points)
- eg. Conferences (10-15 points)
- eg. Attending other approved seminar/event (5 points)

**OUTCOMES**

Gain experience (create a portfolio)

## STEP 4 FINISHING THE PROGRAM

Students will complete a total of 100 points worth of ‘Experience’ spread across the three program ‘themes’.

- Participate in a Capstone Seminar
- Submit a Portfolio of Experience
- Obtain a Certificate of Attainment and letter of activities completed
- Attend a Presentation and Awards Ceremony

**OUTCOMES**

International Context



### Exchange Program

Becoming an international exchange student involves swapping places with a student from an overseas institution. The program allows you a great opportunity to experience studies in an overseas university. It's a great way to make friends, learn a different language, experience different cultures and travel extensively. You'll get credit back to your Newcastle degree, invaluable experience for your CV and unforgettable memories.

See [www.newcastle.edu.au/students/exchange/](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/students/exchange/) for more information or visit the International Office.

### Short programs overseas

There are many opportunities for students to undertake short study programs overseas. These programs run during the vacation periods and are taught in English in a variety of countries around the world. How about learning Tourism in Mexico, Health Sciences in Thailand, Leadership in the USA or Business in Berlin. There is a long list of courses available, covering most academic disciplines, and both credit and funding may be available.

See [www.aimoverseas.com.au](http://www.aimoverseas.com.au) or email [shortprogramsoverseas@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:shortprogramsoverseas@newcastle.edu.au)

### How to join

iLEAD is really easy to join.

1. Apply online at [www.ilead.edu.au](http://www.ilead.edu.au)
2. You will receive an email from the iLEAD Program team inviting you to an Induction Seminar.
3. Attend one of the regular Induction Seminars where you will hear lots more about the seminars and experiential options, be able to think about what options you're interested in taking as part of the program, and meet other participants who are part of the program.
4. You're away! Once you've been to an Induction Seminar you will be fully registered into the program and will receive all the further information you need to develop your international and leadership potential!

You're now free to attend events, sessions and more.

### What it costs, scholarships and other financial support

The iLEAD Program is free to join and the seminars and speaker events are free for iLEAD participants to attend.

When it comes to funding your experiential activities, some support is also available.

The University of Newcastle has a number of generous travel grants available to assist students with the cost of undertaking their experiential activities overseas. This support ranges from \$500 for shorter activities to up to \$3000 for a semester on exchange.

If you are an Australian citizen or permanent resident you might also be eligible for OS-HELP – the Australian Government's loan scheme for international study. This scheme allows eligible students to borrow more than \$5000 towards the cost of overseas study (such as exchanges and short term programs) – conditions apply.

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