

2024-2025 Student Cohort

The cohort program focuses on a practical, actionable curriculum. The calendar will span across the academic year and include four virtual cluster conversations (2 in fall, 2 in spring), four in-person skill-building workshops (2 in fall, 2 in spring), four virtual coffee hour sessions with the WLI executive board (2 in fall, 2 in spring), two mentorship touch points (1 in fall, 1 in spring), two coaching sessions (1 in fall, 1 in spring), the fall kick-off, and spring capstone. The cohort curriculum is organized around the three principles of tell, show, and do. This model provides the cohort members with education, practical application, and experience.

WHAT YOU WILL TAKE AWAY BY BEING A MEMBER

- Participation in meaningful conversations with experienced and successful women leaders from diverse backgrounds
- Experience building a professional network
- Opportunity to be mentored by colleagues, WLI Executive Board members, and Alumnae
- Involvement with a custom curriculum designed to provide encouragement and practical advice for a leadership journey
- Exclusive scholarship opportunities

CONSIDERATIONS

To be considered for the Women's Leadership Institute cohort, a student must:

- Be a currently enrolled Michigan State University student
- Be considered in good academic standing
- Complete the full student application

Commit to the following:

- Attend keynote events during the fall semester and spring semester
- Attend virtual cluster conversations and in-person workshops scheduled throughout the year
- Participate in coaching and mentoring groups



Joining the cohort has empowered me to believe in myself and gain confidence in my purpose. Throughout the different sessions I've learned the vitality of accepting my authentic self and using setbacks as a motivation and opportunities for growth.

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This cohort fosters connections between a diverse set of female leaders. Whether you're looking for mentorship, networking, empowerment, new friends, or all of the above, this is the place where you'll find it.



College of Social Science
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

HOW TO APPLY

Fill out the form on the next page and send all required materials to:
Amanda Guinot Talbot, PhD - SSC.WLI@msu.edu



Student Cohort Application

Complete the form below. Do not leave any field blank. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Name: _____ PID: _____

MSU Email: _____

Local Address: _____

Primary Major: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Secondary Major (if applicable): _____

Academic Standing in Fall: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Expected Graduation Year: _____ Expected Graduation Semester: Fall
 Spring

Have you attended Women's Leadership programming in the past? Yes No Summer

If so, what program did you attend? _____

Additional Materials Required

In addition to the completed application above, please provide the following materials as attachments.

1. Statement of Interest

Provide a 500 word, typed, double-spaced statement of your interest in the Women's Leadership Institute. Include your name and MSU email address at the top of your statement. This statement should include the following:

- The rationale for wanting to be part of the WLI.
- Describe one thing you are interested in learning or one area of growth you would like to see for yourself.

2. Professional headshot

Headshot can be a photo taken by phone.

3. Current Resume/CV

For help with your resume/CV see MSU Career Services Network.
careernetwork.msu.edu

Important (Please Read)

Students accepted to the Women's Leadership Institute 2024-2025 cohort will be required to submit a letter of acceptance acknowledging the commitment they are making to the institute. The letter will be submitted to Dr. Guinot Talbot (SSC.WLI@msu.edu) and the WLI Executive Board.