

## **Leadership Living-Learning Community (LLC)**

This community serves participants in the Texas Leadership Scholars (TLS) Program to achieve academic persistence and excellence through educational, civic, and social experiences. The community seeks to provide meaningful academic challenges, professional connections, and customized learning approaches to maximize student success at the University and beyond. The TLS Program is a state-supported program designed to keep college students in the state of Texas for their pursuit of higher education. A living-learning community is designed to help students achieve success and be retained through graduation.

Only students who have been selected as Texas Leadership Scholars are eligible to live in the Leadership LLC. Students eligible to become TLS participants must be Texas Grant eligible and be in the top 10% of their high school graduating class. To become a Texas Leadership Scholar, students must have applied and been accepted to PVAMU as a freshman. Students must have and maintain a 3.0 grade point average to live in the LLC up to their sophomore year and continue participating in the program until graduation. The number of students selected each year varies depending on the program's funding and availability.

Although the Texas Leadership Scholars Program is a four-year commitment, students are required to live in the living-learning community for only their freshman and sophomore years of college.

### **Benefits of Living in the Leadership LLC:**

- In addition to receiving full educational financial support, students receive one-on-one mentorship from diversified professionals and peer mentors
- A Faculty-in-Residence resides in the house to provide on-going support and guidance to the residents and to strengthen the connection between students' academic and residential learning experiences
- Students reside in one of the newest, co-educational residential facilities on campus, which provide opportunities for an enhanced learning environment
- Students participate in on-going programming involving sharing of member's experiences at PVAMU

- Relatively small group of students who share a common special interest, major or academic theme interest.

### **Objectives:**

- Residents will gain and portray valuable professional skills through mentoring and networking
- Residents will experience enhanced academic outcomes through activities connected to this living-learning community
- Residents will demonstrate their ability to be active citizens and leaders through the community program activities

### **Living-Learning Community Approaches and Activities:**

- Enrollment in one or two common core courses each semester
- Provision of Residential Study Areas
- Monthly Professional Development Workshops
- Bi-weekly Reflection Meetings
- Networking and Cultural Activities
- Civic Engagement Opportunities
- Opportunities to participate in field trips, undergraduate research, study abroad and internships
- Discussion and investigation of social issues such as food security, environment, sustainability, health and wellness and global awareness

### **Leadership LLC Staff:**

- *[To be determined]*

### **How to Apply to the LLC:**

- Once selected as a Texas Leadership Scholar, students must submit a housing application through American Campus Community and designate that they are a Texas Leadership Scholar. For more information on how to apply **click here**.

### **Assessment**

Students' success will be measured by:

- Assessment of professional skills gained through programming activities

- Assessment of students' academic records
- Measure of participation in extracurricular, civic and campus leadership activities
- Level of student participation in programming activities, particularly high impact practices (internships, study abroad, undergraduate research)