the American Express Leadership Academy at ASU builds leaders for tomorrow while strengthening the impact of today’s organizations

Participants engage in the Academy for ten months, learning from renowned professors, practitioners and leaders from all sectors.

Generation Next Nonprofit Leadership Academy was founded at ASU in 2008. The Academy recruits Class 10; in 2014 it was renamed the American Express Leadership Academy at the ASU Lodestar Center.

The current number of Academy alumni and current participants is 260, representing a variety of interest areas including: arts and culture, education, environment, animal welfare, health & human services, trade associations and many more.

30+ participants are selected annually, representing a variety of interest areas.

Leadership Curriculum: Participants benefit from 70+ hours in program days, covering such topics as multigenerational teams, communications, conflict resolution, and many more.

Executive Coaching: Participants are paired individually, and in small groups, with experienced executive coaches who assist them in identifying professional goals and overcoming obstacles.

Thinking Preferences: Emergenetics® cognitive preference evaluations help participants gain a better understanding of their own unique mental strengths, while also fostering improved management techniques and communication skills.

Group Projects: Participants acquire new skills by taking a deeper dive into leadership topics that challenge them to identify innovative solutions to pressing challenges, and to share those learnings with their peers.

Networking: The cohort model encourages networking among participants, as well as with more than 25 influential community leaders who instruct and facilitate program days.

360º Evaluations: Thorough assessments help participants to better understand their professional strengths and weaknesses, and provide a focus for personal development.

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