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PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS **Frequently Asked Questions / Terms and Conditions**

Drexel University strongly supports the efforts by area Chambers of Commerce, professional organizations, government agencies and businesses to develop the next generation of leaders in the for-profit, non-profit, and government sectors. This will help ensure that Greater Sacramento will be prepared to capitalize on the region's many assets when the economic boom returns and ensure the high quality of life that will ensure this region remains a destination location.

To support those efforts, Drexel has contributed tuition scholarships that can be applied to the master's programs offered at Drexel's Center for Graduate Studies in Sacramento. In this document, we provide answers to frequently asked questions about the Drexel Professional Leadership Scholarships awarded under the following leadership programs:

Catalyst (Sacramento Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce)

EDGE (Sacramento Metro Chamber)

Ignite (Roseville Chamber of Commerce)

Leadership Rocklin (Rocklin Area Chamber of Commerce)

Leadership Roseville (Roseville Chamber of Commerce)

Leadership Sacramento (Sacramento Metro Chamber)

Nehemiah Emerging Leaders Program

SARTA Tech Leaders (Sacramento Area Regional Technology Alliance)

SMUD BLT (Building Leadership Talent) (Sacramento Municipal Utility District)

ULI Young Leaders (Urban Land Institute)

(Other leadership programs are welcome to partner with Drexel.)

The following terms and conditions apply to any Professional Leadership Scholarship awarded to Drexel, as well as to any other fellowship, scholarship or grant awarded by Drexel to a student of its Sacramento Graduate Center as to which there is not more specific information.

What is a Drexel "Professional Leadership Scholarship"?

It is a scholarship where the recipient is selected by the senior leadership of a chamber of commerce, professional association or qualifying organization with which Drexel has a partnership to an up-and-coming member/employee. Each organization decides for itself what the criteria for award are, but the common element is that they recognize both past contributions and future promise as a leader in the organization and in community service. The amount of the Scholarship contributed by Drexel is \$10,000, which is awarded to the recipient as tuition assistance pro rata over the term of the Drexel master's degree program in which the recipient is enrolled.



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How do these Scholarships differ from Drexel’s “Sacramento Leadership Fellowship”?

On May 21, 2008, when Drexel University decided to open a Center for Graduate Studies in Sacramento, it announced that it was allocating \$10 million towards tuition support for academically-qualified students. Named the “Sacramento Leadership Fellowships,” they are awarded by Drexel as part of the admissions process on the basis of the admitted student’s academic merit (that is, undergraduate or graduate grade point average, performance on the required entry examination like the GMAT or GRE). The recipient does not need to be a member of any association or profession; all applicants who are admitted are automatically considered for Sacramento Leadership Fellowships, for all graduate programs. For more information about these Fellowships, visit sacramento.drexel.edu/admission/financial-aid/scholarships-and-grants.

Why is Drexel offering Professional Leadership Fellowships?

Drexel’s international reputation arises from the decades of partnerships with business, government and civic organizations. Drexel was founded in 1891 as the “Drexel Institute of Art, Science and Industry” with the charge that the education it provided be practical and useful to the region’s businesses. By 1919, Drexel had become a “co-op” university, partnering with “co-operating” businesses to provide paid jobs for its students as part of their programs of study so that they could apply in the workplace the lessons they were learning in the classroom. Today Drexel is routinely ranked among the best co-op schools in the nation, providing billions of dollars of economic benefit to the Philadelphia region every year. At the Sacramento Graduate Center, Drexel aspires to create an equally strong bond between itself and Greater Sacramento, and believes the best way to do this is to partner with the chambers of commerce and professional associations that are also focused on the economic health and quality of life of this region.

How are Professional Leadership Scholarships awarded?

Partnering chambers of commerce, professional associations and organizations decide the parameters and procedures, who can apply, what master’s degree programs the Scholarships can be applied to, what eligibility criteria must be satisfied, what the application process will be, whether there are interviews, who will make the award decisions, when, and what responsibilities the award winners will thereafter have to the awarding organization. Those organizations administer the awards program and receive all applications. Drexel only confirms whether the nominee has in fact applied and admitted to a Drexel master’s program.

Drexel disburses the Scholarship by allocating the award pro rata over the number of credit hours required for completion of the master’s program, and then deducting from the student’s tuition charge the credits applicable to the courses being taken. The per-credit amount is determined at the start of the program and will remain constant until the student completes the program or ceases to be eligible for the award. .



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Who is eligible for a Professional Leadership Scholarship? What criteria must be met?

These are questions that are decided by the organization awarding the Scholarship. All Drexel requires is that there be no fewer than four qualified candidates for the award, and that each candidate have started an application to Drexel, identified the master's degree program to which the Scholarship would be applied (assuming they are admitted), and submitted a resume as part of the application process.

Does the candidate have to have been admitted to Drexel?

Drexel's Professional Leadership Scholarships only apply to master's programs offered by Drexel at its Center for Graduate Studies in Sacramento. The candidate must have completed the on-line application form at the time of the application/nomination. It is up to the awarding organization to decide whether the award-winner must have been admitted to Drexel at the time of the award. Unless otherwise agreed between Drexel and the organization, the Scholarship is applicable only to the next time that the graduate program is offered, and can be extended to a subsequent cohort only at the discretion of Drexel. The Scholarship is non-transferrable.

Are there any eligibility requirements the Scholarship award winner must meet after starting the program?

Sponsoring organizations may set their own requirements. Drexel requires that any Scholarship, Fellowship, or Grant recipient remain currently enrolled in Sacramento, maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0, satisfy the degree program's requirements (some programs require a minimum number of credit hours per term or degree completion within a certain period of time), and otherwise remain in good standing. If a student fails to meet any of these requirements, the Scholarship expires automatically and may be reinstated only via appeal to Drexel's Financial Aid Appeals Committee.

What is Drexel's tuition?

Drexel's tuition is set on a credit hour basis and varies according to degree program. Tuition information is available on Drexel's website.

Does the student need matching funds from his/her employer?

No, but Drexel hopes the employer will also recognize the leadership potential of the student-employee and will support the student with tuition assistance. Drexel has a form that employers and employees may use to confirm their commitment to each other if an employer helps fund the employee's education. Information and forms to assist employers may be found on Drexel's website: <http://sacramento.drexel.edu/admission/financial-aid/employer-reimbursement>.



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What Drexel master's programs are covered by this scholarship?

Please consult the sponsoring organization's descriptive materials to see if there are any limitations. Most of the master's programs in Sacramento are offered twice each year, in September and March; but some are offered only once each year. Please consult Drexel's academic program webpages for specific program information sacramento.drexel.edu/programs

Can students receiving Professional Leadership Scholarships also receive other fellowships, scholarships or grants from Drexel?

All students admitted to Drexel's Sacramento Center for Graduate Studies are eligible for Drexel's Sacramento Leadership Fellowship, which is described above. Drexel offers a variety of other specific tuition assistance programs (e.g., to veterans, government and non-profit employees, and community college employees.) If the amount awarded by Drexel in one of those other programs is greater than the amount awarded under a Professional Leadership Scholarship, then the larger of the two awards will be applied. A Professional Leadership Scholarship cannot be combined with or added to any other grant, fellowship or scholarship available from Drexel University.

What happens if a student with a Professional Leadership Scholarship is laid off?

Any student entering a program taught at our Sacramento Graduate Center is eligible for a Bridge to the Future Grant if they are involuntarily laid off from full-time employment. When awarded, the Bridge Grant will provide half tuition support and would replace any and all other fellowships or grants offered by Drexel. Once the student is re-employed, the Professional Leadership Scholarships are reinstated as the Bridge Grant ends. Please consult our website for additional information. <http://sacramento.drexel.edu/admission/financial-aid/scholarships-and-grants/bridge-to-the-future-grant-program>

Must applicants also apply for loans or other financial aid?

No. All applicants for Drexel's Professional Leadership Scholarship are encouraged to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and Drexel will work with each applicant to help determine eligibility for other need-based aid programs.

What does a Professional Leadership Scholarship cover?

A Professional Leadership Scholarship is an academic tuition award. It is not applicable to fees, books, or other educational expenses, and is not applicable or transferable to any entirely online program or to any program offered at any Drexel location other than the Sacramento Center for Graduate Studies.

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