LEADERSHIPWA

Rising Leadership Program

2027

Courageous leadership
shaping a better WA

Designed for leaders at the mid-point of their leadership journey, the Rising Leadership Program accelerates growth through immersive experiences, practical application and meaningful connections over six transformative months.

- Carefully curated cohort
- Leadership transformation
- Meaningful community impact
- Exclusive organisational access

Selected. Connected. Challenged.

Rising combines experiential learning, cross-sector collaboration and community impact to accelerate leadership growth, broaden perspectives and create impact beyond the classroom.

Selected

Carefully curated cross-sector cohorts

A competitive selection process brings together high-potential leaders from commercial, government, not-for-profit and government trading enterprises organisations, broadening perspectives and building lasting connections.

Connected

Exclusive access to leaders, organisations and a lifelong alumni network

Gain behind-the-scenes access to leading organisations and learn from industry mentors and senior leaders.
Graduates also join Leadership WA's network of more than 1,400+ leaders across business, government and community.

Challenged

Leadership in action through real community impact

Put leadership into practice by developing and delivering a Community Impact Project aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), creating tangible outcomes for a WA community organisation.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

10 immersive experiences over six months

Across 10 immersive experiences, participants challenge assumptions, broaden perspectives and accelerate growth through shared learning, discussion and practical application.

Participants gain tools and frameworks to apply with the support of a trusted peer network.

The Rising program includes:

- adaptive and courageous leadership
- self-reflection and self-discovery
- dynamically structured group discussions
- peer mentoring and coaching
- practical frameworks and tools
- WA-focused leadership issues
- engagement with diverse WA leaders and industries
- community impact collaboration

Reflection is embedded throughout, helping participants turn insight into action and lead with greater confidence and impact.

More than two decades of developing Western Australian leaders

93
Community Impact Projects

640
Rising participants across 27 programs

34,000+
Pro bono hours through Skillsbank

$8.5m+
Value delivered to WA not-for-profits

ORGANISATIONAL BENEFITS

Our program helps shape more **capable, connected, future-ready leaders** who create value well beyond their own development.

Rising graduates contribute to stronger organisational capability through:

- inspiring performance and bringing out the best in others
- thinking strategically while leading with empathy and authenticity
- navigating uncertainty, complexity and change with confidence
- challenging the status quo and contributing fresh thinking
- strengthening team effectiveness, collaboration and culture
- creating a ripple effect of learning and leadership across the organisation
- leveraging a diverse network of leaders to spark innovation and new opportunities.

Understand thinking. Transform performance.

Using the globally recognised HBDI® assessment, participants gain insight into their unique thinking preferences and leadership style. **The Whole Brain® Thinking** framework helps leaders harness diverse perspectives, reduce conflict, improve decision-making, reduce group think and unlock stronger team performance.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Rising builds the self-awareness, courage and adaptability needed to lead in today's complex world.

By combining evidence-based leadership practices with real-world application, the program strengthens leadership capability, expands influence and increases impact across teams and organisations.

Effective leaders are lifelong learners.

Rising graduates may qualify for Recognition of Prior Learning toward selected university business qualifications.

Find out more at **leadershipwa.org.au**

THREE PILLARS OF LEADERSHIP GROWTH

LEADING SELF

Understand who you are as a leader

Identify and build on strengths

Develop habits that support courage and wellbeing

LEADING US

Inspire people and teams to achieve outcomes

Apply human-centred leadership tools

Build confidence and capacity to lead performance

LEADING TOGETHER

Increase your ability to drive positive change

Build collaborative networks and relationships

Strengthen your influence and impact

> *The Program's design offered the most impactful learning I've ever encountered and gave me the chance to connect with leaders across a wide range of sectors… I highly encourage anyone considering this course to take the leap, it has played a significant role in shaping my growth as a leader."*

Kelvin Kong (Rising 2025)
Executive Manager, SuperyouTech

PARTICIPANT COMMITMENT

Genuine commitment and self-investment help participants get the most from the Rising experience. Participants are expected to fully engage in the program and attend all experiences, with **a minimum 80% attendance requirement**. If significant scheduling conflicts are likely, we recommend applying for a future cohort.

Experience days are hosted by partner organisations across Perth, providing invitation-only access to their leaders and operations. Participants should allow around **two hours of preparation** and **up to one hour of reflection** for each experience.

Participants also work in groups to deliver a **Community Impact Project** for a small WA organisation. Supported by an industry mentor, teams conceptualise, develop and deliver a solution aligned with a **United Nations Sustainable Development Goal** in a Western Australian context.

The project provides an immediate opportunity to put leadership learning into practice while delivering meaningful outcomes for the community organisation and the people it serves.

> *The impact of my learning will be ongoing and lasting, extending well beyond the Program itself. The insights and skills I've developed have already begun to influence the way I approach challenges, communicate with others, and make decisions."*

Leanne Stojmenov (Rising 2025)
Artistic Director, West Australian Ballet

YOUR LEADERSHIP WA JOURNEY

Scholarship opportunities

Limited scholarships are available for the Rising Leadership Program, including the Leadership WA Foundation Ted Powell Scholarship and scholarships supported by our Partners. Scholarships are highly competitive and form part of the application process.
Find out more: **leadershipwa.org.au/scholarships**

Alumni network and Skillsbank

Rising graduates join a diverse, influential and inclusive community of 1,400+ alumni across business, government and community sectors. Alumni gain peer support, enduring connections, exclusive resources and events, and opportunities to give back through the Leadership WA Skillsbank, providing pro-bono expertise to WA not-for-profits.
Find out more: **leadershipwa.org.au**

APPLY NOW

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Selection is highly competitive and includes an application and interview. Early applications are encouraged, as interviews and cohort curation may begin before the closing date.

About Leadership WA

Leadership WA is an independent not-for profit organisation driven by a vision of **courageous leadership shaping a better WA**. Our programs are designed to create leaders with the skills, confidence and tenacity to lead with compassion and courage; who grow networks, deepen connections and contribute leadership influence to benefit Western Australia.

This is **the Leadership WA ripple effect** of championing leadership and creating stronger communities across Western Australia for more than 22 years.

2027 Rising Leadership Program Information

There are only two application opportunities for Rising each year.

	March 2027 cohort	June 2027 cohort
	All applications close 27 November 2026 **Program runs** March – September 2027	**All applications close** 30 April 2027 **Program runs** June – December 2027
Experience 1 (Orientation)	Wednesday 17 – Friday 19 March	Wednesday 23 – Friday 25 June
Experience 2	Thursday 8 April	Thursday 22 July
Experience 3	Tuesday 4 May	Wednesday 4 August
Experience 4	Wednesday 26 May	Wednesday 25 August
Experience 5	Tuesday 15 June	Tuesday 21 September
Experience 6	Wednesday 16 June	Wednesday 22 September
Experience 7	Tuesday 27 July	Wednesday 27 October
Experience 8	Wednesday 28 July	Thursday 28 October
Experience 9	Thursday 12 August	Tuesday 16 November
Experience 10	Thursday 9 September	Thursday 9 December
Graduation	Thursday 9 September	Thursday 9 December

Program investment

Personal fee	$680
Organisational fee	$8,305
Total program fee	**$8,985**

Fees include all program resources and catering during experiences and are GST inclusive. Participants are responsible for their personal expenses and transport to/from the experiences.

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