Overview

Leadership ICMA is an intensive, two-year program designed to cultivate key competencies needed for successful leadership at all levels of local government management. These competencies include: personal leadership; integrity and ethics; team building; advocacy, analytical skills, community building, communication, and media relations; strategic planning; negotiation skills; initiative, risk taking, vision, creativity, and innovation. The program also facilitates networking within the profession and enhances connections between local government managers and their professional association. Six class modules are scheduled over the course of the two-year period, including a capstone that requires participants to demonstrate their competence in the concepts presented throughout the Leadership ICMA program. Each module requires considerable preparation through assigned readings, full attendance and completion of written assignments. The class will meet 2-4 times over the two-year period. The class will be broken into teams and each team will work on a legitimate consulting project solicited through a formal RFP process from a local government client.

Eligibility

Leadership ICMA is designed specifically for those committed to a professional future in local government management.

- Applicants must be ICMA members and have at least three years of management experience in local government or a related field.
- Applicants are required to have completed the ICMA Applied Knowledge Assessment for their own edification. (Results of the assessment remain confidential and are not considered in the review of applications.)
- Employers must be willing to support the educational and travel costs associated with this program.

Tuition and materials fee is approximately $1,795 per year plus travel costs estimated below:

Year 1:

1. Orientation and ICMA Leadership Academy: This year, the initial orientation and team-building session is held in Charleston SC at the College of Charleston from May 15-17, 2020; followed by participation in the ICMA Leadership Academy which takes place May 17-22, 2020, immediately following the orientation--also at the College of Charleston. Participants are responsible for travel, lodging, and board for both the orientation and the ICMA Leadership Academy with the following exceptions:
   - Lunch and Dinner provided by ICMA on the first day of orientation
   - Lunch provided by ICMA on 2nd day of orientation
   - Some meals during the ICMA Leadership Academy: TBA
Year 2:

1. The capstone project preparation meeting is held the next January or February for three nights. Participants are responsible for travel, lodging, and board with the following exceptions:
   - Lunch and Dinner provided by ICMA on the first day
   - Lunch provided by ICMA on 2nd day

2. Other Travel
   - Work on Capstone: projects (travel paid by host cities)
   - ICMA Annual Conference: Participants are responsible for registration, lodging, board, and travel costs.

Application Instructions

Enrollment is ongoing. Before submitting an application, be sure that you have completed the required Management Assessment. Applicants must complete the attached application form and submit it along with the supporting documents described below to the address on the application checklist (the last page of this packet), to ICMA. To make it easier for you to complete, the application form is set up so that you can type in your information in the blocks provided in this PDF file. When you have completed your application, please print it out and mail it along with your signed commitment forms, references, and other supporting documents.

Application Package

In addition to the signed application form, applicants also must include the following materials:

- Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- Two Reference Forms, each signed and sealed by the person who completes it
- Commitment Form signed by the Chief Manager or Executive Officer of your organization.

Please direct any questions to Felicia C. Logan, ICMA, Director of Leadership Development at: flogan@icma.org, 202-962-3626.

Applications should be mailed to:

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Leadership ICMA
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NE Suite 500
Washington, DC 20002-4201
OFFICIAL APPLICATION FOR LEADERSHIP ICMA

Full Name: 

Job Title: ____________________________ Organization: ____________________________

Office Mailing Address: 

Office City/State/Zip: 

Office Telephone: ____________________________ Office Fax: 

Office Email: ____________________________ Home Email: 

Home Mailing Address: 

Home City/State/Zip: 

Home Telephone: ____________________________ Home Fax: 

Please contact me via: [ ] Mail [ ] Telephone [ ] Email At my: [ ] Office [ ] Home

List professional honors, awards, or publications; professional activities and volunteer activities (Attach additional sheets as needed):

How did you learn about the Leadership ICMA program?

Please provide typed responses to answer the following questions. If you are submitting paper hard copy, each enclosed sheet should have your name and the question number in the upper right hand corner. Please limit your narrative answers to 150 words or less for each item.

1. Please describe your specific duties and responsibilities or attach a job description. Be specific about what portion of the budget you are responsible for, and how many employees report to you (if applicable).
2. Please describe the most significant challenges in your work as they relate to the substance of this program (for example, negotiation or leadership skills).
3. What knowledge do you hope to gain from participating in this program?
4. How do you expect your background and experience to contribute to the program?
5. Where do you expect to be in the next five years? In ten years?
6. Describe the legacy you would like to leave upon retirement.

The contents of this application package are correct to the best of my knowledge.

__________________________________________  ________________
Signature                                       Date
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST

All supporting documents must be submitted before application package is considered complete.

NOTICE: Once ICMA receives your application, copies will be made for distribution to the review panelists. Please avoid complex binding because that will slow the copying process.

- **Application Forms**
  Print and complete the Official Application (two pages), sign it, and include it with your application packet.

- **Resume or Curriculum Vitae**
  Please include one copy of your resume or CV with your application packet.

- **Two Reference Forms**
  Please ask two different references to each complete a Reference Form and return it to you in a sealed envelope.

- **Commitment Form**
  Please ask the Executive Officer or Manager of your organization to sign a commitment form to confirm your organization’s support of your professional participation in this program for the full, two-year period, including the demands of participating fully in the final consulting project.

**Be sure you have completed the Applied Knowledge Assessment.**

Successful candidates will be notified by October 30. If accepted, you will be expected to attend the ICMA Annual Conference, which will include special Leadership ICMA activities such as a workshop on Saturday, a capstone project presentation from another class on Sunday. Applications should be mailed to:

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