

NCAA Leadership Development

Mission

NCAA leadership development serves to educate and empower student-athletes, coaches and athletics administrators through transformative experiences that develop effective leaders, cultivate an inclusive community and enhance the college sports landscape.



Student-Athletes

We equip student-athletes with leadership and communication skills and knowledge of how to network and build relationships.

To explore offerings for college athletes, click [here](#).



Administrators

We prepare administrators with leadership tools that empower them to confidently serve and develop others.

To explore offerings for college athletics administrators, click [here](#).



Coaches

We elevate coaches, allowing them to thrive in their current roles and be prepared for their next opportunity.

To explore leadership development offerings for coaches, click [here](#).



Leadership development alumni span across the NCAA membership, applying what they learned as impactful leaders in college sports. Every member of the leadership development family has a story and path, inextricably linked by a desire to enhance the student-athlete experience.

To read specific examples of how leadership development programming impacted college sports leaders, click [here](#).

NCAA Diversity Grants

Leadership development distributes over two million dollars worth of grant funding to Division II and III institutions to promote inclusive hiring practices in administrative and coaching positions.

For detailed information about Division II grants, click [here](#).
For detailed information about Division III grants, click [here](#).



For more information

For more information regarding NCAA Leadership Development programming and initiatives, visit <https://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/leadership-development> or email lddevelopment@ncaa.org.

NCAA Leadership Collective

The NCAA Leadership Collective serves as a tool to progress toward an environment of diverse representation in collegiate coaching and athletics administration. The Leadership Collective is an interactive and user-friendly platform, which highlights the vast professional accomplishments of ethnic minorities within college sports through customizable, in-depth personal profiles.

Overview

The Leadership Collective serves to encourage inclusive practices throughout the membership and to demonstrate the NCAA's commitment to promoting cultural diversity and equity in college sports, in conjunction with the NCAA Presidential Pledge campaign. The Leadership Collective will answer the commonly posed question, "Where can I find qualified ethnic minority candidates?"

Through the showcase of the achievements of its users, the NCAA Leadership Collective will help NCAA member school and athletics conference executives diversify their talent lists and be more inclusive when making personnel decisions. The resource can be used for hiring senior staff, making committee appointments, finding speakers and filling other related needs.

Eligibility Criteria

Full-time administrators and coaches at NCAA member schools or conference offices fulfilling the criteria below may apply to upload their information in the Leadership Collective. All individuals who apply to the Leadership Collective must identify as ethnic minorities.

- Administrator criteria -
 - Serves on the senior leadership team within an athletics department or at the conference office level.
 - Has at least five years of athletics administrative experience on campus, at a conference office or in an athletics affiliate organization.
- Coach criteria.
 - Be a coach from any NCAA-sponsored sports. Applicants may be full or part time to access the system.
 - Has at least five years of coaching experience at the collegiate level.
 - Demonstrates ability to clearly communicate/articulate a personal coaching philosophy and a vision for a program to key stakeholders.
 - Shows dedication to self-improvement/professional development.

For more information

For more information, including the the application link and a detailed frequently asked question page, visit <https://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/leadership-development/ncaa-leadership-collective> or email ldevelopment@ncaa.org.

