

Aspire

INSTITUTE

Founded by Harvard Business School Professors in 2017.



Our Mission

is to empower low-income, first-generation college students worldwide to become leaders in their communities and achieve their full potential academically and professionally through a fully funded leadership development program.



Aspire's IMPACT

Founded by Harvard Business School Professors in 2017, the Aspire Leaders Program went from receiving 250 applications per year to over 50,000.

Applicants, alumni, and world-class educators span across six continents to form our global community.



180+

Countries Represented



100K+

Young Lives Impacted

Our VISION

A future where every young person achieves their full potential and contributes their leadership and talents to build thriving communities.

Program Outcomes:



Self Awareness
& Self-Confidence



Critical Thinking



Communication
Skills



Cultural
Competency



Leadership
Skills to Make
a Social Impact

Admission

ELIGIBILITY

- First-generation, low-income college students worldwide
- Currently enrolled in an undergraduate program or recently graduated; not enrolled in a postgraduate program
- 18-26 years old

Alumni

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

Maestrovirtual

Now a registered NGO in Mexico, this 2021 Community Action Award winning project, led by alumnus Zarek Martínez, provides training on digital skills for elementary public school teachers in Nuevo León. Students studying education alongside Martínez have trained over 400 teachers with the hopes of bettering the education system and contributing to economic sustainability.



Zarek Martínez, ALP '21
Nuevo León, Mexico

13 WEEKS

ASPIRE LEADERS PROGRAM

A free online leadership development program with access to professional development, coursework designed and delivered by Harvard faculty, and a global network.

Personal & Professional Development

1

4 WEEKS

- Strengths-based leadership skills assessment
- Professional development resources for networking, interviewing, and creating a resume and LinkedIn profile
- Live discussions among the global cohort

Immersive Learning

2

3 WEEKS

- Interactive master classes and case studies led by world-class educators

Aspire Leadership Course

3

6 WEEKS

- Week 1: Understanding Yourself as a Leader
- Week 2: Understanding Context and Building Trust
- Week 3: Digital Transformation and Artificial Intelligence
- Week 4: Live Discussion – Addressing Community Challenges
- Week 5: Voices of Leaders
- Week 6: Live Discussion – Being in Action in Your Communities Worldwide
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1 YEAR + ALUMNI PROGRAMS

Social Impact Seed Funding

Awards of up to \$1,000USD to support alumni in turning ideas into tangible solutions.

Community Action Awards

Awards of up to \$10,000USD to support alumni-led community projects.

Monthly Sessions

A diverse group of mentors lead sessions on financial literacy, networking, & more.

Fellowship Program

12 fellows will represent Aspire for 1 year at various engagements & receive stipends, professional development, & networking opportunities.

Leadership Conference

A yearly conference with networking gatherings, workshops, & panel discussions for all alumni.

Online Community

All alumni join an online community to connect, network, & share opportunities.

Alumni TESTIMONIALS



Nallely Gonzalez, ALP '22, USA

I have seen my confidence grow since participating in the Aspire Leaders Program. I received the opportunity to connect with amazing and talented individuals and have the knowledge, tools, and resources to make a change in my community.

Farheen Latif, ALP '23, Pakistan

My journey as a first-generation college student has been marked by both challenges and opportunities. Aspire Leaders Program truly transformed my college experience, goals, and aspirations. I've taken on leadership roles, broadened my horizons, and feel connected to a global community of aspiring leaders.

