



Hobby School of Public Affairs
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON



NEXT GENERATION LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Preparing tomorrow's leaders to make a difference.

The Next Generation Leadership Academy at the University of Houston is for mission-oriented undergraduates who want to make a difference through social impact. Based in the Hobby School of Public Affairs, the transformative leadership development program prepares the next generation of public service leaders from various academic disciplines and interests for careers in government, nonprofit and private industries.

Through hands-on experiences and specialized academic courses, students build tangible career skills while positively impacting their community. The program benefits include:

- A national network of student and university leaders
- Professional development and cohort experiences
- Experiential learning and network opportunities
- Classroom training and cross-sector collaboration

Student Spotlight

“I have benefited most from the connections I’ve made with aspiring public service professionals at UH through the national network. The program has reinforced my belief that public service is a community effort. We all have a place in a greater effort to better society for everyone.”



Gabriela Hamdieh

Public Policy Undergraduate
Inaugural Cohort, Next Generation
Leadership Academy
2024 Leland Fellow-Washington, D.C.

Program Highlights and Requirements

- The leadership academy is part of **The Volcker Alliance's Next Generation Service Corps**, a network of programs at universities across the country to increase public service participation and inspire and prepare college students to serve their communities.
- The program is open to all **University of Houston undergraduates** who are at least in their second year of school.
- Students will learn the necessary tools and skills to **address community and governmental challenges** through informed solutions.
- Program participants will benefit from the **national network, workshops, site visits, student-led projects** and **social impact strategies** that support future careers in public service.
- Program participants must earn a **public leadership minor** or a **bachelor's degree in public policy** from the Hobby School and complete **at least two internships** within different industry sectors.
- Students who fulfill the program benchmarks will be **awarded \$2,000** to recognize their participation in the leadership academy.



Learn More

The application to participate in the third cohort of the Next Generation Leadership Academy is open through May 31. If you have questions about the program benefits, application process and student requirements, please email Emily Janowski at eajanows@central.uh.edu.

