



Responsibilities of Participating Parties

The Leading Edge Institute

- Provides cutting edge, high quality programming
- Subsidizes the majority of the costs of participation
- Provides grant for student's projects
- Communicates and collaborates with participating institutions and students
- Welcomes feedback and input from institutions
- Evaluates and reports to institutions
- Coordinates logistics and programming through paid staff

Colleges and Universities

- Select three female students and a faculty advisor for participation
- Contribute \$2000 for student team and one advisor
- Allow students to contract with a professor for academic credit when possible
- Collaborate and communicate with LEI program staff
- Maintain standard liability coverage for students participating in school activities

Advisors

- Participate in the selection process from the beginning
- Meet with students to discuss the opportunity and expectations
- Commit to attend the entire Summer Institute and Winter Summit
- Assist with students transportation needs by sharing rides to events or coordinating other arrangements
- Serve primarily as an encourager, listener, and advocate upon returning to campus as students pursue their projects

Selected Students

- Commit to attend the nine-month program, including Summer Institute, Fall Connecting and the Winter Summit and Celebration
- Participate in the mini-grant process and carries out a leadership action project
- Participate in the evaluation of the program
- Coordinate transportation to the Summer Institute and Winter Summit with advisor