

Wharton Leadership Ventures & Venture Fellows

2021 Information Session

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What is WLV?

Wharton Leadership Ventures are experiences that facilitate **self-discovery, leadership, and character development**. Participants are able to step out of their comfort zone, exceed personal limitations, and **experience leadership firsthand**. These hands-on experiences for exploring and mastering the capabilities for effective individual and team leadership in business and beyond.



Our Mission

McNulty Leadership Program

To develop leaders who act with a deeper understanding of themselves, their organizations, and their communities, and contribute positively to the growth of each.

Venture Program

To develop leaders who excel in stressful and ambiguous environment



Ventures are Experiential Leadership Development Opportunities

Venture Attributes:

- Full immersion
- Critical decision-making
- Authentic uncertainty
- Limited distractions
- Physical and emotional adversity
- Opportunities for transformative change

WLV By the Numbers

16 Venture Fellows (potentially some of you!)

2 VF Trainings

3-5 Intensives (per semester)

3 Expeditions



INTENSIVES AND EXPEDITIONS





2021 Fall Intensives

SEPTEMBER

Team Sailing (Annapolis, MD)

Saturday, September 25

OCTOBER

Gunks Traverse Mountain Biking (New Paltz, NY)

Friday, October 22

NOVEMBER

High Ropes Challenge Course (Philadelphia, PA)

Saturday, November 20

Intensives are \$30 and include all meals, transportation and equipment*

**Fee is waived for anyone in financial need*



2021-2022 Expeditions

WINTER BREAK

Patagonia Backpacking Expedition

December 28th, 2021 – January 4th, 2022

Southwest Backpacking Expedition (AZ)

December 30, 2021 - January 5th, 2022

SPRING BREAK

Utah Canyoneering Expedition

March 5th, 2022 – March 12th, 2022

How Ventures are Structured

GUIDANCE & MENTORSHIP

Participants travel expedition style within small teams guided and mentored by their Venture Fellows and expert wilderness guides.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Teams have rotating “Designated Leaders” of the day. Each participant will have the opportunity to act in leadership roles.

REFLECTION & LEARNING

Debriefs will be conducted at the end of the day to extrapolate on what was learned and discuss future goals for the expedition.

TRANSFERENCE

Post-venture social events with group and support on how to transfer lessons to real life.

Intensive and Expedition Application Process

- **Intensives:**
 - **Course Match opens on 9/8/21 and closes at NOON on 9/21/21**
 - **Results Published: beginning 9/22/21**
- **EXPEDITIONS**
 - **Course Match opens on 9/22/21 and closes on or around 10/15/21**
 - **Expedition Payments Deadline: TBD (~late Oct)**
 - **Scholarships: [application survey](#) opens 9/22**



VENTURE FELLOWSHIP



Role of the Venture Fellow

Venture Coordination

- Assist in the Following:
 - Plan & design of the Venture
 - Preparing participants on all levels of the Venture
 - Facilitate meaningful connections and debriefs during the Venture
 - Act as a coach and provide support to all participants
 - Provide transference & reflection opportunities post Venture

Committees

- Marketing, Development, Social, Recruitment

Community Involvement 😊

Venture Fellow General Responsibilities

- **Commitment** to and engage with the program till graduation
 - Includes mandatory VF trainings, committee participation, and venture-related preparation and execution
 - Time commitment per week varies throughout the year (more hours in the lead-up to your venture)
- **In service to community and as ambassadors** of Wharton, the McNulty Leadership Program, and the Leadership Venture Program
- **Willingness** to develop yourself as a leader and serve in WLV's learning environments.



Venture Fellow Competencies

Leadership

Adaptability



Emotional Intelligence

Diplomacy

Effective Communication



Resilience



What do you gain from serving as a VF?



Camaraderie



Training



Once-in-a-lifetime experiences



What you commit to by being a VF

- **Weekly Meetings**
- **Expedition Training (during fall break)**
- **Facilitation & Skills Training (1-2 days in spring)**
- **VF Responsibilities**
- **Committee Involvement**

VF Application Process

- **Timeline**
 - **Applications open 9/13, close 9/20**
 - **Meet a VF! tinyurl.com/wlvwalktalk**
 - **Interviews:**
Thursday Sept 23rd & Friday Sept 24th
 - **Second round:**
Saturday October 2nd from 9am - 12pm
 - **New members will be alerted by Sunday 10/3**