

Wharton Leadership Ventures & Venture Fellows

2023 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 environments



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

14 Venture Fellows (potentially some of you!)

2 VF Trainings

3-5 Intensives (per semester)

2 Expeditions



INTENSIVES AND EXPEDITIONS





2023 Fall Intensives

SEPTEMBER

Team Sailing (Annapolis, MD)

Friday, September 22

OCTOBER

Gunks Traverse Mountain Biking (New Paltz, NY)

Friday, October 20

High Ropes Challenge Course (Philadelphia, PA)

Friday, October 27

Cost: \$30 and include all meals, transportation and equipment



Intensives



2023-2024 Expeditions

Patagonia Backpacking Expedition

Winter Break

December 29th, 2023 – January 5th, 2024

Ecuador Backpacking Expedition

Spring Break

March 2nd, 2024 – March 9th, 2024

Expeditions



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 Enrollment Timeline

- **ALL REGISTRATION OCCURS IN TERRA DOTTA**
 - **OPENED on 9/5**
 - **CLOSES at 5pm on 9/13**
 - **Results published 9/15**
 - **Confirm participation by 9/18**

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Patagonia Expedition Enrollment Timeline

- **ALL REGISTRATION OCCURS IN TERRA DOTTA**
 - **OPENED on 9/6 (TODAY)**
 - **CLOSES at 5pm on 9/18**
 - **Results published 9/25**
- **SCHOLARSHIP INTEREST**
 - **Integrated into Terra Dotta**
 - **2 scholarship seats on Patagonia**
 - **Notified of scholarship eligibility (or not) 9/18**

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Ecuador Expedition Enrollment Timeline

- **ALL REGISTRATION OCCURS IN TERRA DOTTA**
 - **OPENS on 10/30**
 - **CLOSES at 5pm on 11/6**
 - **Results published 11/13**
- **SCHOLARSHIP INTEREST**
 - **Integrated into Terra Dotta**
 - **2 scholarship seats on Ecuador**
 - **Notified of scholarship eligibility (or not) 11/7**

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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

- Community, External, Development

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** (2-3 days in spring)
- **VF Responsibilities**
- **Committee Involvement**

VF Application Process

TIMELINE

- Applications open 1/13/23
- Applications close 1/23/23
- Interviews: January 26-27
- Second round (in person event): February 4 from 9am - 12pm
- Mandatory Training: February 10-12