

# NKU LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (NKULI)

## The Office of the Provost is now accepting applications for Northern Kentucky University Leadership Institute (NKULI)

This is a leadership development opportunity designed to help prepare NKU's future academic leaders. Participation in the Institute is open to faculty and staff at all levels who aspire to be administrators; as well as current chairs and associate or assistant deans who would like to learn to better lead in their current roles or would like to assume a greater level of leadership responsibility at some point in their careers.

The 2026-2027 NKULI will convene in September of 2026 and consist of nine monthly sessions, concluding in May 2027. Participation will be limited to 10-15 members and the monthly meetings will be scheduled for Fridays from 9:00 am - 2:00 p.m., with lunch included. Participants will receive a leadership certificate at the end of the program.

Selected participants are expected to attend and actively engage in ALL scheduled meetings. Participants will meet once a month to discuss various aspects of leadership in higher education. Presentations and discussions will be facilitated by current members of NKU cabinet and leadership team and invited speakers. Participants in NKULI will acquire broad perspectives and knowledge of higher education, leadership and careers paths. Discussions will address a range of issues such as the administrative structure of higher education, leadership styles, emotional intelligence, critical issues facing administrators, financing and funding, and creating a sense of community.

## APPLICATION

To be considered for participation in the NKULI, you will need to submit:

- Letter of application,
- Current CV, and
- Form signed by the [faculty's chair and dean](#) or [staff's supervisor and Vice Provost](#) supporting your application for this program.

Your letter of application should include a narrative describing your interest in future leadership opportunities, leadership goals, as well as information regarding past and current leadership roles. Past or current leadership experiences are not limited to those at our university and may include your engagement in external organizations. Please **download and complete the support form**, have your [Chair/Dean](#) or [Supervisor/Vice Provost](#) sign it to indicate their support, and submit it along with your letter and CV.

Please submit your application and supporting material using this [form](#). Applications and accompanying materials are **due on or before Friday, March 27, 2026**. Submissions will be reviewed by a selection committee. For additional information regarding

the NKULI, please contact Danielle McDonald, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs,  
Instructional Excellence and Online Programs at [mcdonaldd1@nku.edu](mailto:mcdonaldd1@nku.edu)

Best regards,

Danielle McDonald,  
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