

# Pathways to Leadership Initiative

## Description

The Pathways to Leadership Initiative (PLI) partners with AUWCL student organizations to co-sponsor on-campus programs that are aligned with the leadership development and professional identity formation goals of the Office of Inclusive Excellence and Leadership Development (IELD). Student organizations may propose events for the Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 semesters. Organizations may submit multiple proposals as the primary organizer. IELD will select one event per primary organization for funding; however, an organization may serve as a co-sponsor for multiple events.

## Eligibility

To be considered for the PLI, your program must meet the following criteria:

- Hosted by two or more Student Bar Association (SBA) recognized organizations or the LLM Board (Individual initiatives are not eligible).
- The program must be open to and inclusive of the entire AU community.
- The program must align with one or more of IELD's core themes:
  - Leadership Development: Explore key leadership skills, including inclusive leadership principles, communication, judgment, resilience, and collaboration; or
  - Professional Identity Formation: The intentional exploration of the values, guiding principles and well-being practices that are foundational to successful legal practice
- Held on the AU campus (off-campus events are not eligible).

## How Decisions are Made

The PLI typically offers up to \$1,000 to co-sponsor an event. Events will be selected based on the timing of the event, the strength of the proposal, and the event/program's alignment with IELD's mission. Most selected events will receive partial funding. A proposed budget must be submitted with the application.

## Apply Now

Please complete the [Pathways to Leadership Co-Sponsorship Initiative](#) form by scanning the QR code to apply. If you have any questions about the form or the application process, reach out to us by:

- Email: [IELD@wcl.american.edu](mailto:IELD@wcl.american.edu)
- In Person: Visit us at Capital Hall, Suite C303

