

International Leadership Development Program (I-LEAD)

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The aim of this presentation is to briefly share the outcomes of leadership best practice visits to the world's leading business schools, present the experience of developing and running the International Leadership Development Program (I-LEAD) as a pilot and to facilitate an interactive discussion regarding the development and establishment of a unique international leadership laboratory for developing innovative approaches for leadership learning and development for business school students. The proposed session will be of 60-90 minutes duration including an introductory seminar followed by an interactive discussion.

The International Leadership Development Program (I-LEAD) is a unique and innovative leadership development program for MBA students and staff from the world's leading business schools. The inaugural initiative was a leadership learning and development event for graduate students from around the world. The UNSW Business School hosted the pilot event in 2014 and students and staff from the following 13 of the world's leading business schools from 6 continents participated in the I-LEAD: the Wharton School of Business, the Kelloggs School of Management and the MIT Sloan School of Business (North America), the INSEAD School, the Cass Business School, the London Business School, the IE Business School and the Copenhagen Business School (Europe), the NUS Business School (Asia), the Wits Business School (Africa), the Universidad de Chile Graduate School of Economics and Business Australasia (South America), the Auckland Business School and the UNSW Business School (Australasia). The week-long intensive program included leadership workshops, seminars, panel discussions with Australian leaders from business, academia, public and non-profit sector as well as variety of experiential learning and development activities. The workshops were held in Sydney while a residential leadership component was held on an island near Sydney.

The interactive discussion will focus on exploring potential for using I-LEAD as a platform to develop and establish a truly international leadership laboratory for leadership for developing innovative methodologies and approaches for leadership learning and development. Specifically, considering the selection of 2 schools to host an extended I-LEAD pilot over the next two years.