

Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life
21st Century Leadership Academy
May 17 - 22, 2009

The 21st Century Leadership Academy is a week-long residential program focused on women's public sector leadership, held on the UMSL campus. It provides an opportunity for Missouri college students to explore opportunities in the public policy arena and practice skills that will help them achieve personal and professional success. Participants in the program gain a practical understanding of public policy formation and their capacity to influence policy that impacts their lives and communities.

The Academy's unique curriculum includes interactive policy sessions, small group projects, skill-building workshops, guest speakers and panel discussions. All sessions are taught by savvy women leaders who are helping shape public policy as elected officials, government leaders, and policy advocates. These women role models share personal experiences of what it means to be a woman in public life and teach leadership skills such as public speaking, networking, identifying a mentor, and building self-confidence.

Each year, the program's agenda includes a day trip to Jefferson City for visits with women elected office holders and other women in state government. Participants will also practice their networking skills at an evening event with leaders from the community, keynoted by a prominent woman in public life.

Missouri University of Science and Technology partially underwrites the program costs including housing and meals. **The cost to participants is \$50, travel to St. Louis, and other personal incidental expenses incurred during their stay at UMSL.** Additional information about the Leadership Academy is available at:

<http://www.umsi.edu/~iwpl/leadership/leadership-index.html>

Interest in public policy and leadership experience or potential are the two primary considerations for successful participation in the program. **All majors are encouraged to apply.** Applicant qualifications include:

- Current enrollment at Missouri S & T
- Overall GPA of 2.5 or better
- Leadership experience
- Interest in learning about public policy
- Presence on campus during 2009 - 2010
- Willingness to share the skills and knowledge gained with the Missouri S & T community

Paper copies of the application are available in 204 Norwood Hall. Applications are available at <http://counsel.mst.edu/>.

Applications are due by noon on Monday, March 2, 2008, and may be submitted in person at 204 Norwood or electronically to counsel@umst.edu.