

Southland Newcomer Leadership Scholarship

Invercargill City Council, Southland District Council, and Gore District Council have identified that there is an opportunity for newcomers to hold leadership positions within Southland's business, community and not-for-profit sectors.

The Southland Newcomer Leadership Scholarship is a contestable fund whereby eligible applicants can apply to access funding to enable them to participate in the Southland Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Academy.

The Southland Leadership Academy is a part time programme which runs for one evening per week (for approximately 2 hours) over eight weeks. In 2022 it is being held at several locations across the Southland region. The programme provides future leaders (in both the community and business sectors) with the opportunity to build their leadership capabilities through their own personal development and by learning from the experience of others. The successful applicant, at the completion of the programme will have the skills, connections, and confidence to be leaders in their receiving community. Each session is led by a senior executive from a significant Southland business or community organisation who provide tutoring to the group across several leadership topics.

To find out more information about the Leadership Academy Programme including dates, locations, and testimonies from previous participants, please go to www.southlandchamber.co.nz/sla/

Criteria

This scholarship is open to newcomers who have been living less than two years in the Southland region and less than five years in New Zealand. This may include but is not limited to working migrants, former refugees and international students.

The scholarship will cover the attendance fee – valued at \$1,500* per person – for the following dates. It is expected that recipients of the scholarship attend all sessions where possible and work towards successful completion of the course.

Prior leadership experience is not mandatory, however a desire to hold a leadership position in your community will be looked upon favourably.

Council contacts

Please do not hesitate to contact one of the Welcoming Communities administrators if you have any questions:

Southland District Council – Karen Purdue: 0800 732 732 or funding@southlanddc.govt.nz

Gore District Council – Mark McCann: 021 327 611 or mmcann@goredc.govt.nz

Invercargill City Council – Amelie Schuberth: 03 2111 799 or amelie.schuberth@icc.govt.nz

Part 4 – Declaration

If you are successful you agree:

- that you are committed to completing the course to the best of your ability
- if extraordinary circumstances arise, meaning you are unable to attend the remainder of the course, you will contact one of the Council Contacts for your chosen event. Absences due to sickness or one-off circumstances can be reported to the Chamber of Commerce contact
- that you will let us know if you cannot be documented in photographs or video
- to continue to contribute to this programme/your new skills by forming part of the Newcomer Alumni
- to complete a survey at the beginning and at the end of the Leadership Academy Programme, as part of our monitoring and evaluation.

Name:

Signature: _____

Date:

Part 5 – Submission

To submit your application form please send it to one of the council contacts listed on page 1 or drop in to your nearest local library or council office **by 20 November 2022**.

