

Aspire

INSTITUTE

Founded by Harvard Business School Professors in 2017.



Our Mission

is to empower limited-income and first-generation college students and graduates worldwide to become leaders in their communities and achieve their full potential academically and professionally through a fully funded leadership development program.



Aspire's IMPACT

Founded by Harvard Business School Professors in 2017, the Aspire Leaders Program went from receiving 250 applications per year to over 250,000. Applicants, alumni, and world-class educators span across six continents to form our global community.



195

Countries Represented



500K+

Young Lives Impacted

Our VISION

A future where every young person achieves their full potential and contributes their leadership and talents to build thriving communities.

Program Outcomes:



Self Awareness
& Self-Confidence



Critical Thinking



Communication
Skills



Cultural
Competency



Leadership
Skills to Make
a Social Impact

Admission

ELIGIBILITY

- Limited-income background or first-generation to attend university
- Currently enrolled in or graduated from a university/college program
- 18-29 years old

Alumni

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

Maestrovirtual

Now a registered NGO in Mexico, this 2021 Community Action Award winning project, led by alumnus Zarek Martínez, provides training on digital skills for elementary public school teachers in Nuevo León. Students studying education alongside Martínez have trained over 400 teachers with the hopes of bettering the education system and contributing to economic sustainability.



Zarek Martínez, ALP '21
Nuevo León, Mexico

THE ASPIRE LEADERS PROGRAM (ALP)

A **free** online leadership development program with access to professional development, coursework designed and delivered by Harvard faculty, and a global network.

1 Personal & Professional Development

Participants will:

- Take a strengths-based leadership skills assessment
- Engage and collaborate with a global cohort of peers
- Gain access to professional development resources co-created with Harvard Business School. Participants will learn how to improve their LinkedIn profile, craft a resume, interview like a pro, and build their professional network.
- Hear from leaders around the world

2 Aspire Horizons Course

This leadership development course is designed and delivered by Harvard University faculty. Participants will explore topics on:

- Understanding Yourself as a Leader
- Understanding Context and Building Trust
- Digital Transformation and Artificial Intelligence

Participants will also:

- Identify a problem in their community and brainstorm solutions with their peers
- Write a project proposal for solving the problem under the guidance of Aspire staff

Immersive Learning

Participants will attend interactive Masterclasses on a wide range of topics led by world-class educators. These will occur throughout Modules 1 and 2 of the Aspire Leaders Program.

EXTENDED LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS (ELP)

Those who complete our program become alumni and gain access to all ELP offerings. These include funding opportunities and continued advancement in the areas of career development, entrepreneurship, and higher education/research.

ELP Pathways	Funding Opportunities	Resource Hub & Community	Aspire Volunteer Programs
Career Development	Social Impact Initiatives	Monthly Newsletter	Community Building
Entrepreneurship	Academic Advancement	Opportunities Hub	In-Person Networking
Higher Education	Research	Online Community	Virtual Mentorship

ALUMNI TESTIMONIALS



Nallely Gonzalez, ALP '22, USA

I have seen my confidence grow since participating in the Aspire Leaders Program. I received the opportunity to connect with amazing and talented individuals and have the knowledge, tools, and resources to make a change in my community.

Albert Fiifi Amoah, ALP '24, Ghana

This program has helped close a lot of gaps that existed in my career path. Now, I am confident enough that I am on the right path. I have been able to land my first job after this program, and with the leadership training Aspire gave me, I am doing excellent here.

