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2016-2017 Dates

- **Friday, September 16**
  9 am to 1 pm
  Team-Builder Retreat

- **Friday, October 7**
  9:30 am to 4 pm

- **Friday, October 28**
  9:30 am to 4 pm

- **Friday, December 2**
  9:30 am to 1 pm

- **Friday, January 20**
  9:30 am to 4 pm

- **Friday, February 10**
  9:30 am to 4 pm

- **Friday, March 3**
  All day trip to Emerald Coast campus

- **Friday, April 7**
  9:30 am to 4 pm

- **Friday, May 12**
  Graduation ceremony (time TBA)
Typical LEAD Agenda

9:30 am  Leadership workshop
11:30 am  Guest presenter
12:30 pm  Lunch with guest speaker (campus leader)
1:15 pm   Tour of a UWF center of excellence
1:45 pm   Follow-up conversation about guest presentation
2:30 pm   Project discussion
4:00 pm   Adjourn
Application

Thanks for your interest! To be considered for LEAD: The Staff Version, please submit the following in time for delivery by **April 29, 2016**:

- A completed version of this form and answers to the questions at the bottom.
- A signed supervisor approval form (on the next page).
- A letter of recommendation from your supervisor.

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Your Name: ____________________________________________
Position at UWF: _______________________________________
UWF Division in which you work: ___________________________
Academic College in which you work (if applicable): ___________
Department in which you work: _____________________________

Are you a full-time UWF workforce employee in a staff position at UWF? ______
Your Campus Address: ___________________________________
Your Office Phone Number: __________  Your Email Address: ___________
Number of Years’ Service with UWF: _______________________

We realize it sometimes takes several attempts to get into LEAD. Have you applied in the past? If so, when? ____________________________

If accepted, do you agree to attend the sessions described on the attached calendar? ________
*(Lunch will be provided during each session.)*

In one page or less, please explain why you are interested in the LEAD program and what you most hope to learn as a participant.

Please also attach a brief bio about yourself (100 words or fewer), including your position at the university, what you like most about UWF, and your interests outside of work. If you have a clear jpeg photo of yourself, please include that as well. We will post your bio on the LEAD website and in the LEAD binder if you are chosen.

We plan to announce the new LEAD class in June.
Supervisor’s Approval & Recommendation

As the supervisor of a UWF employee applying for LEAD: The Staff Version, you are in a great position. The program is designed to help people build leadership and teamwork skills and awareness. Throughout the year, participants will meet with university leaders, network with colleagues, learn leadership and teamwork skills, and study strategies and key issues in higher education. (There is no cost to the home department for participation in the program.)

As you know, leadership is not principally about being promoted or changing jobs. It is about being an effective change agent, visionary, motivator, listener, and an innovative problem solver. These qualities are important to everyone at the university.

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So that we may evaluate the impact that the LEAD experience might have on the candidate you supervise, please submit the following to be received by April 29. (You may email these materials to LEAD administrative assistant Irene Patti at ipatti@uwf.edu, mail them to Irene at Building 10/Room 217, or give them to the candidate to convey them to Irene along with other application materials.)

☐ A signed copy of this approval statement.
☐ A letter of recommendation in which you describe why the applicant is a good candidate for the program and specific ways he or she can use the experience to achieve greater personal success and contribute in meaningful ways to the department and the university overall.

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LEAD participants are expected to attend every session. Please review the schedule provided here and sign below to signify that, if _____________________________ is accepted into LEAD: The Staff Version, you agree to her/him participating in all sessions.

______________________________  __________________________  __________
Signature                              Printed Name                          Date