

Leadership as Legacy



Overview

QUT Leadership Institute Overview.

The QUT Leadership Institute is where Australia's most influential and impactful leaders develop the judgement, clarity and foresight to lead through complexity and leave things stronger.

Purpose

QLI is dedicated to developing leaders capable of strengthening organisations, governing with integrity and shaping the future with confidence. The Institute exists to build leadership capability that creates measurable impact through strengthening organisational performance and navigating complexity with clarity and purpose. Grounded in real-world practice, applied research and a global perspective, QLI builds the kind of leadership that travels through our institutions and society.

Positioned within QUT

Established within one of Australia's leading modern universities, QLI brings rigour, reach and a deep research platform together with real-world leadership wisdom and practice.

What makes QLI's different?

QLI delivers leadership differently. Learning is built on live challenges and hands-on practice, drawing on evidence that spans every field leadership touches. Researchers and practitioners work side by side, bringing what the evidence shows together with what experience has proven.

This happens in conversation and collaboration with tri-sector partners and associates across private, public and not-for-profit organisations, each contributing a different vantage point on the same complex landscape. The result is leadership that evolves with the world, built for what's needed now and what's coming next.

Be the lighthouse

The world needs leaders who are the lighthouses for the people they serve. Anchored by their clarity of purpose, strength of character, consistency of signal and reach beyond self, they help others navigate uncharted challenges. Leadership as Legacy is the principle that runs through everything we do.

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OUR MODEL

The QLI Model

A distinctive approach built on five interlocking elements:

PROGRAMS

Leadership experiences that merge global perspectives, real-world practices and applied research to build leaders who guide with clarity, lift others and leave things stronger.



EXPERIENCES

Crafted leadership experiences including round table dialogues, forums, interactive sessions and global immersions that redefine how leaders learn, connect and grow.

PARTNERSHIPS

Tri-sector partners woven into our most influential leadership journeys, investing in collectively better leadership for their organisations, their communities and the region.

EXPERT ARENA

A QUT-wide, interdisciplinary scholar network translating world-class research into insights leaders can act on for influence and impact.

INSTITUTE FELLOWS

A distinguished fellowship of leaders who bring lived experience, forge new wisdom and drive the Institute's philosophy of Leadership as Legacy.

A Distinctive Model

Applied leadership for real-world impact.

QLI is a collaborative leadership ecosystem where capability is shaped, tested and elevated.

QLI operates as an applied, agile leadership laboratory. The Institute brings together tri-sector partners, an Expert Arena of interdisciplinary scholars, a Leadership Institute Fellow network of executive leaders, and global immersion experiences that put theory to work in the real world. Delivering capability that translates directly into organisational performance, this is leadership development designed for the demands of leading at every level.

Our point of difference

Unlike traditional leadership education, QLI integrates lived executive experience, applied research and measurable organisational impact within a real-world environment. Leaders engage in live organisational challenges, diagnostics, global immersions and peer dialogue, translating insight directly into performance and governance outcomes.

A leader-led approach

Leadership development at QLI is practical, measurable and aligned with the evolving needs of organisations and society. Through signature sprints, global immersion experiences and invitation-only leadership dialogues, the Institute supports leaders and organisations to strengthen capability and decision-making, enhance organisational resilience, governance and strategic execution, access leading-edge insight, build future-ready pipelines, and focus on high performance through a wellbeing lens. The Institute tracks leadership capability uplift, governance confidence and organisational impact, demonstrating measurable return on leadership investment.

**As the university for the real world[®],
we are connecting with trusted
partners to reimagine leadership.**

Why This Matters Now

The need for capable, ethical, resilient leaders has never been greater. The moment to develop them is now.

The world's organisations are navigating a landscape defined by rapid technological disruption, increased governance scrutiny, declining institutional trust and growing complexity across public and private systems.

Queensland is at an inflection point. As the host city for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Brisbane sits at the centre of a significant shift in Australia's regional and international standing. The Asia-Pacific is the world's most consequential economic and strategic theatre. Queensland's leaders will help shape what happens in it.

The QUT Leadership Institute was built to meet that moment. Strengthening the leaders who become lighthouses for the people they serve, QLI develops people who govern with integrity, execute with confidence and leave organisations and society stronger.

QLI's vision: to strengthen the leaders who'll guide Australian and Asia-Pacific organisations through whatever comes next.

A Collaborative Leadership Ecosystem

Leadership shaped by those who have led, informed by those who study how leadership works.

QLI brings together a distinguished network of industry partners, leadership practitioners and academic experts who contribute directly to programs and leadership dialogue. Through these collaborations, organisations gain access to leadership insight, distinguished leaders, capability development and strategic influence within a global leadership ecosystem.

Partnerships

QLI partners with organisations across the private, public and not-for-profit sectors to design leadership experiences that strengthen performance, strategic capability, integrity and responsible governance. Foundational Partners don't just invest in their own leadership pipeline. They invest in collectively better leadership, for their organisations, their communities and the region. Together, they co-create signature programs, shape co-branded thought leadership, and gain priority access to global immersions, exclusive experiences and transformational leaders.

Institute Fellows

Distinguished leaders who've led significant organisations through disruption, complexity and high-stakes decisions. They bring that lived wisdom into every program and dialogue, the kind of clarity that only comes from having stood firm when conditions were at their hardest.

Expert Arena

An interdisciplinary scholar network drawing on QUT's world-class research and translating it into insight leaders can act on today. Consistent, rigorous and built to travel, because the best thinking is elevated when it reaches the people who need it.

Leaders in Residence

Outstanding leaders with significant global reach and impact shared through QLI. They contribute to programs, mentor leaders and shape thought leadership, multiplying their influence and magnifying their impact through every leader they work with.

Situated in Meanjin (Brisbane) on the Country of the Turrbal and Yugara people, with engagement across Australia, the Asia-Pacific, Southeast Asia and beyond, QLI connects local leadership with global perspective.

OUR PROGRAMS

QUT Leadership Institute Program Overview

Leadership programs designed to build leaders who guide with clarity in every condition, light the way for the people around them, and leave organisations and society stronger.

For leaders strengthening their capability and for organisations building future-ready leadership pipelines, QLI programs deliver measurable impact across every level. Designed and delivered alongside Institute Fellows, Expert Arena scholars and tri-sector partners, each program blends applied content, lived executive experience and live organisational challenges.

QLI Trailblazers

FUTURE LEADERS

Build the critical leadership skills and confidence to step into your career with clarity and purpose.

QLI Ignite

SENIOR LEADERSHIP

Make the transition from managing to leading with impact, integrity and innovation.

QLI Unlimited

ELEVATING WOMEN LEADERS

Build capability, confidence and the trusted social capital to step into senior executive and C-suite leadership.

QLI LeadLab

GLOBAL EXECUTIVES

A prestigious global immersion experience for C-suite leaders. Singapore planned for early 2027.

QLI Unlocked

INNOVATIVE SPORTS LEADERSHIP

Designed for sports administrators and executives leading at the intersection of high performance and innovation.

Custom programs

QLI can work directly with partners to co-design custom programs, cohort experiences and strategic leadership diagnostics, built around the real challenges your leaders are navigating now, and the ones coming next.

Measurable legacy. Leadership development, confidence and loyalty, tracked before, during and after every program. Because great leadership compounds.

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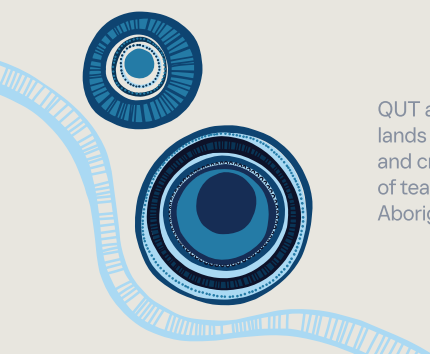
Leadership as Legacy

A generational investment in leadership capability, located in the city and the moment where it matters most.

At its core, the QUT Leadership Institute is a platform where leadership is shaped, tested and elevated in partnership with those leading today's most important organisations and systems.

**The lighthouse doesn't chase the ships.
It stands firm and guides countless
others safely through.**

By combining real-world leadership practice, academic excellence and a global perspective, QLI is strengthening the leaders who become lighthouses for the people they serve. Leaders whose influence strengthens organisations, builds enduring capability, and contributes to the future prosperity and resilience of Queensland, Australia and the global communities around them.



QUT acknowledges the Turrbal and Yugara, as the First Nations owners of the lands where QUT now stands. We pay respect to their Elders, lores, customs and creation spirits. We recognise that these lands have always been places of teaching, research and learning. QUT acknowledges the important role Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people play within the QUT community.

**Ready to explore
what QLI can do
with you?**

CONNECT WITH QLI

Whether you're a leader sharpening your edge, an organisation building your leadership pipeline, or a partner shaping the next chapter of leadership in the Asia-Pacific, we'd welcome the conversation.

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