



## **Aspire Leaders Program 2025**

We are excited to announce the launch of the 2025 Aspire Leaders Program, designed and led by Harvard faculty. This is a free, 5-week leadership course is tailored to empower low-income, first-generation university students with essential leadership skills.

### **Program Benefits:**

- Skill Development: Master critical thinking, communication, and problem-solving with world-class faculty guidance.
- Networking: Build connections with global industry leaders, alumni, and peers.
- Hands-on Experience: Participate in real-world projects and scenarios.
- Career Boost: Enhance your resume with a recognized certificate of completion.

Application Period: October 3 – December 4, 2024

Program Start Date: ***January 8, 2025***

**Apply today at [www.aspireleaders.org](http://www.aspireleaders.org) or reach out to us at [saeema.pakistanprogram@aspireleaders.org](mailto:saeema.pakistanprogram@aspireleaders.org) for further details.**

Program details are as under (Page: 02)

## Aspire Leaders Program (Details)

<https://www.aspireleaders.org>



### Our Mission

is to empower low-income, first-generation college students 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 100,000. Applicants, alumni, and world-class educators span across six continents to form our global community.



# 195+

Countries Represented



# 215K+

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

- First-generation, low-income college students worldwide
- Currently enrolled in an undergraduate program or recently graduated; not enrolled in a postgraduate 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.

## **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:

- Hear from leaders around the world
- 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)

Completion of at least one module grants access to most ELP offerings. Those who complete both modules have the opportunity to access financial awards for developing social impact projects.

Funding Opportunities

Mentorship & Networking

Resource Hub

Community News

## 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.

***Hassan Issack, ALP '24, Somalia***

[ALP] has been instrumental in transforming my life. Coming to a new country as a refugee presented challenges, but the support provided by Aspire helped me navigate through them with resilience and determination. The program equipped me with essential skills for employment [and] fostered a sense of belonging.

