School of Leadership and Education Sciences

Preparing Leaders

Nonprofit Institute: \$7 million

Background

The School of Leadership and Education Sciences seeks \$7 million to support its **Nonprofit Institute**. Education must have as its foundation a vision of enhancing human dignity and the quality of life. To do so, human service professionals must focus on moral perspectives in their professional and community lives to engage in effective practices to make a positive impact. The faculty members and staff of the School of Leadership and Education Sciences (SOLES) seek to impart this vision to their students.

Objectives

Scholarship. Service. Solution. The Institute for Nonprofit Education and Research (INER) educates leaders and advances best practices in the nonprofit and philanthropic community through academic excellence, applied learning and research that examines issues of strategic importance to the sector.

The Institute for Nonprofit Education and Research has trained 4,000 board members and staff. It has served 1,000 nonprofit organizations. The institute has provided \$4.25 million in pro bono consulting services for nonprofit organizations.

The Institute for Nonprofit Education and Research, which is part of the Department of Leadership Studies in SOLES, carries out its work through three program areas:

- 1. Programs at the undergraduate, master's and doctoral levels in nonprofit leadership and management:
 - Undergraduate certificate in Nonprofit Leadership and Management
 - MA in Nonprofit Leadership and Management
 - PhD in Leadership Studies with a Specialization in Nonprofit/Philanthropic Leadership and Management

- 2. Community education offered in the form of a certificate program, conferences and seminars:
 - Certificate in Nonprofit Management through the Division of Professional and Continuing Education
 - Annual Nonprofit Governance Symposium
 - Annual State of Nonprofits Summit
 - The Caster Family Center for Nonprofit and Philanthropic Research

Impact

It is SOLES' responsibility to prepare students with the professional knowledge, skills, and ethical perspectives they will need for effective leadership and practice in a diverse society. It seeks to become, and encourage students to become, life-long learners engaged in scholarly inquiry, research, and professional development.

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