



FOGARTY FUTURES

FOGARTY FUTURES LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2023 Information Pack



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ABOUT FUTURES

The Fogarty Futures Leadership Conference is one of Western Australia's premier annual leadership conferences for year 10 and 11 students. On Futures, students are empowered to give back to their communities. Students will have the opportunity to engage with leaders of science, sport, business, charity, and government. They will be inspired by people who were at the table when Australia's big decisions were being made.

Past Fogarty Futures Leadership Conference participants have gone on to win prestigious university scholarships, including the state's premier UWA Fogarty Scholarship, and have become leaders in their schools and broader communities.



CONFERENCE DETAILS

What: A four day residential leadership conference

Where: Ern Halliday Recreation Camp, Hillarys

When: 29th September - 2nd October 2023

Who: Any year 10 or 11 students can apply!

Cost: approximately \$100 (subject to change)

***Where it is not possible for candidates to cover the costs, financial aid scholarships and payment plans are available, including travel grants for students in regional and remote areas of WA**

2023 CONFERENCE THEMES

SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability is the key to a better future. In our ever-changing world, it has become increasingly significant to protect the quality of our lives, our ecosystems and to preserve natural resources for future generations. In trying to do so, it is the responsibility of every single human being residing on Earth to make their best efforts to ensure the preservation of our planet and the communities within. The concept of sustainability encompasses many aspects, based on the Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations in 2015. These include social and economic development, environment sustainability and peaceful and inclusive societies. Hence why we believe that increasing awareness in today's youth about the importance of sustainability will enable them to develop the knowledge, skills, values and motivation required for action in order to maintain their own wellbeing, along with the wellbeing of the planet and its communities.

The sub themes that we will be exploring include COMMUNITY and EMPATHY

EMPOWERMENT

Creating greater community change relies on developing and empowering the individuals of those communities. Today's youth is tomorrow's future, which is why it is necessary to empower the youth to help our communities to thrive in the future. Empowerment of the youth helps young people to be involved in their education, communities and social services. It impacts them by improving their social skills and behaviour, increasing their academic and social achievement, boosting their self-esteem by helping them recognise their worth, making them self aware and socially connected so they can live to their fullest potential. Empowerment cultivates a positive change in an individual's personality, which assists them as they work to benefit their communities. We believe that social impact - a core value of the Fogarty Foundation - comes about by empowering people, which is why we will focus on building the skills young people need to become leaders in their communities, and bring about positive development in not only their communities, but also in the lives of those

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APPLICATION TIPS

TAKE YOUR TIME

Dedicate time and effort to your application. We get over a hundred applications each year, so it's important that yours is well-written and that you provide thoughtful answers to each question. Plan your answer before you write, and double-check at the end to make sure there aren't any spelling or grammar errors.

STRUCTURE YOUR ANSWER

A well-structured answer will ensure that we understand each of your ideas and thoughts more clearly. Before you begin to write, plan how you will structure your response. This will help ensure that your answer is cohesive and has a logical order.

DON'T OVERCOMPLICATE IT

Keep your answers simple and logical. It's better if you explain a few points clearly and in detail rather than listing as many ideas as you can without explaining them.

BE AUTHENTIC

It's easy to tell when someone has written exactly what they think we want to hear! Avoid waffling and buzzwords. Instead, write from your personal experiences and original thoughts. An application which gives us a clear idea of who you are and your unique personality is always more memorable and powerful.

APPLICATION TIPS

USE PERSONAL EXAMPLES

In order to help your application stand out, use personal examples from your own experiences. They show us that you have demonstrated the qualities we are looking for in real life, and also give us a better idea of who you are as a person.

ANSWER THE QUESTION

Make sure that you read the question carefully and stay on topic! It can be easy to misread a question, or to get caught on a tangent in your response. The questions that we have asked are designed to help us find candidates who demonstrate our ideal qualities. If you stray too far from the question, you may miss your chance to show us these key skills and capabilities.

RE-READ!

Once you have written your application, reread each answer before submitting. It detracts from your application if it is filled with grammatical errors or typos. Also check to make sure that you have answered each question completely and that your answers are cohesive.

APPLY JUNE 5TH!

Applications open June 5th and close mid-July

Apply at <https://fogartyfutures.org/apply/>

CONFERENCE GOALS

SHORT-TERM GOALS

- To provide students with valuable and applicable leadership and soft skills in alignment with the specific themes for this year's conference
- To facilitate a state-wide network of young student leaders from a diverse range of schools, regions and backgrounds
- To inspire participants to find leadership and entrepreneurial opportunities in their school and local communities
- To expose students to new perspectives on social action, ethics and global challenges

LONG-TERM GOALS

- To ensure long-term sustainability of the conference as the premier youth-run leadership event in WA through the establishment of single and multi-year financial partnerships
- To build a community of passionate young minds capable of innovation and community engagement through the Futures alumni network
- To increase program accessibility through the expansion of conference bursaries and travel scholarship schemes
- To expand program offerings through single-day events or additional residential camps throughout the year



COVID-19 STATEMENT

At Futures, we place top priority on ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all involved in the Leadership Conference and organisation as a whole.

We are continually monitoring the situation and the decision to run the program in person is contingent on it being completely safe and aligned with the government's recommendations to do so.

In response to the situation regarding COVID-19, the Fogarty Futures Leadership Conference will be implementing a number of measures to ensure the utmost safety for all those involved. Social distancing and hygiene practices recommended by professionals and in alignment with West Australian Government advice will be implemented.

Furthermore, all facilitators will undergo further COVID-19 specific training and a conference-specific contingency plan will be followed for the duration of the event.

If you have any specific questions regarding COVID-19-related measures, please contact us via convenors@fogartyfutures.org .





TESTIMONIALS



LILIA

2022 FUTURES ATTENDEE - ST MARY'S ANGLICAN GIRLS SCHOOL, YEAR 10

The Fogarty Futures Leadership Conference was one of the best experiences I've ever had. I had an absolutely amazing time at this camp, with a definite highlight for me being the UN Youth IPS activity. Through the workshops, I got to go out of my comfort zone and learn heaps of new skills, such as advocacy, having a growth mindset, speaking confidently even about nothing, and effective communication skills. However, probably the time I learnt the most out of this camp was through my interactions with the other young leaders. Overall, I think this was an opportunity of a lifetime, and I feel much more motivated and eager to go out and make a real change in the world. I'm really going to miss everyone from this camp – both the absolutely awesome facilitators, and the wonderful students.

RIVAH

2022 FUTURES ATTENDEE - MERCEDES COLLEGE, YEAR 11

I am immensely grateful to have been given the opportunity to attend this unique leadership conference. Futures has shaped me into a confident, well-informed, resilient leader who is able to make my own decisions, helping me forge my own path to greatness. I have come out of Futures with the necessary leadership tools required to make my own impact in our ever changing society. Through relatable, informative discussions run by fantastic, experienced leaders, I now feel ready and willing to tackle any challenges, and live my life knowing I have the qualities of a true leader at hand.

MATTEO

2022 FUTURES ATTENDEE - AQUINAS COLLEGE, YEAR 11

While the many skills I learnt from the array of incredible presenters were interesting and immediately applicable to my life – both academically and in leadership – the greatest part of the Fogarty Conference was meeting so many incredible young people. The bar has been raised for me considerably after learning what my peers have accomplished, encouraging me to strive for greater goals, and I've made and strengthened bonds that have opened up opportunities I never would have been aware of otherwise

RACHEL

2022 FUTURES ATTENDEE - ST BRIGID'S COLLEGE, YEAR 10

Attending Fogarty Futures in 2022 was one of the best experience of my life. I was very nervous before going but, ended up loving it. I met so many new people that I was incredibly sad to say goodbye to at the end of the camp as I find it hard to find people that share my interests in learning, leadership and geekyness. I usually don't enjoy camps that much but, this was a completely different experience and I left more confident and excited for the future. I will be forever thankful that I got to experience this camp and very grateful to the people who spent all the time organising and running the event to their best ability to ensure a fantastic experience for everyone.

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