



UNIVERSITY OF
Nebraska
System

NU Developing Excellence in Academic Leaders Program

Developing & promoting academic leaders across the campuses of the NU system

The NU DEAL is a focused, two-year investment in personal growth and development. Participants will refine their leadership skills while interacting within the context of the many subcultures of our multifaceted educational enterprise. The program is intended for individuals from each campus who are currently serving in academic leadership roles (department chairs, center directors, assistant/associate deans) and have interest in expanding their leadership practice and skills.

Four participants from each campus will meet as a cohort four times over two years, and up to monthly in small groups or for campus-specific project-based learning. The inter-campus fellowship will provide unprecedented access to the macro systems, information and decision-making that drive the actions and performance of the NU system. NU DEAL strengthens relationships, connections and networks broadly across Nebraska.

UNIQUE advantages

This is not an ordinary academic leadership development program. It is a selective, generative think tank that:



Evaluates
and creates future-focused skills, behaviors and vision



Promotes
deep connections with people, advancing a NU network of decision-makers and peer advisors



Examines
academia's most significant and complex modern-day issues



Expands
the impact and influence of participants and the NU system by applying a broader lens than the individual campuses



Problem Solves
collaboratively using political, human resource, structural and symbolic frameworks



Invests
in current NU leaders with a unified process for continuously refining the art of leading and advancing the NU mission

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Program Event Dates

- » **September 2026 (TBD)** Lincoln, NE
- » **October 22-23, 2026** UNMC Campus, Omaha
- » **April 8-9, 2027** UNL Campus, Lincoln
- » **October 14-15, 2027** UNK Campus, Kearney
- » **April 6-7, 2028** UNO Campus, Omaha

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