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Title:	2018 University of Queensland Surf Life Saving Queensland Leadership Excellence Program (18-30) – Call for Participant & Leadership Team Applications
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Summary:	Call for members to apply as Participants or part of the Leadership Team for the 2018 UQ SLSQ Leadership Excellence Program
Date:	8 August 2018

Applications are now open for the 2018 University of Queensland (UQ) Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ) Leadership Excellence Program to be held at The University of Queensland St Lucia Campus from the 23 - 25 November 2018

What's it all about?

The UQ SLSQ Leadership Excellence Program (UQSLSQ LEP) provides an opportunity for members to be exposed to the many different elements of Surf Life Saving. Member Development is about providing our young people with positive experiences and opportunities which enhance their strengths and capacity as well as affirming them as contributors to our community and shapers of their own future.

The objective of the program is to introduce young adult members of the association to the more formal and responsible roles available within Surf Life Saving. The program will provide awareness and knowledge on the structure of SLSQ, and educate the participants further in all fields of communication, leadership, teamwork, and emergency management. The program is a prime feature of the retention/ succession plans that Surf Life Saving Queensland has to ensure our future is a strong and vibrant one.

[To check out the 2017 Program Highlights Video on the SLSQ YouTube Channel Click Here!](#)

Who Can Apply?

Members are eligible to apply as a **Participant** if they meet the following criteria:

- Be minimum of 18 years of age and a maximum of 30 years of age at the time of the program;
- Be a current financial member of an SLSQ affiliated Surf Life Saving Club;
- Hold a 'Working with Children' Blue Card or Exemption Notice;
- Have demonstrated an eagerness to develop a wide range of skills in Surf Life Saving;
- Preferably had previous exposure to leadership/development training (e.g. Club/Branch Development Program);
- Be proficient in the Bronze Medallion;
- Hold at least two of the following awards: Advanced Resuscitation Techniques; IRB Drivers Award; Radio Operator's Certificate; or Operational First Aid.

The role of the Leadership Team:

As a Development Program Leader or Mentor your role is to directly engage with the participants in your assigned group. Your primary role is to offer guidance, leadership, and encouragement throughout the program to your group, being mindful to not become a participant. As a Leader you will be required to work with your assigned mentor to further develop and hone your leadership skills.

Members are eligible to apply for the **leadership team** if they meet the following criteria:

- Be 21 years or over – this is very important;
- Be a current financial member of an SLSQ affiliated Surf Life Saving Club;
- Hold a 'Working with Children' Blue Card or Exemption Notice;
- Hold a proficient Bronze Medallion and/or hold an ARC, First Aid Certificate;
- Have participated as a participant or leader on a State or National Leadership Program;
- Show leadership qualities and most importantly, have a good rapport with youth.

When & Where is it?

The 2018 UQ SLSQ Leadership Excellence Program will be held at the University of Queensland St Lucia Campus, Women's College from 23-25 November 2018. Leaders are to attend the Program Induction day on the 22 November 2018.

How much will it cost?

The cost for participants will be \$330 per person, and SLSQ will cover the cost of all leadership team positions.

We hear that most Clubs fund the program for members to attend as it is a worthwhile opportunity for them to learn and be able to give back to the Club, so we strongly encourage Clubs to consider this. Fees will cover meals, use of equipment, program pack, and accommodation.

For North Queensland, North Barrier and Wide Bay Capricorn Branch participants this cost will also cover 50% of air travel costs.

Successful applicants will be notified via email along with further information pertaining to the program. Any participant/leader who withdraws after being selected will still be invoiced for the full cost of the program.

Interested – Where to from Here?

Complete the application form via the following links:

	Application Link	Applications Close
Leadership Team	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/98Z3YQN	10 September 2018
Participant	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/98PBMNZ	18 September 2018

Participant Selection Guidelines:

- Following the close of participant applications all clubs will be sent a list of their participant applicants to endorse and are asked to preference nominations (with a "1" being the first preference). Ranking sheets will then need to be sent from the Club to the relevant Branch for endorsement, and submission to SLSQ by COB 11 October 2018.
- From the endorsed applications, SLSQ will be accepting up to one (1) member from each club, however if clubs do not fill their one (1) position, additional applications from within clubs may be considered.
- Clubs are encouraged to consider gender equity and nominate a male and a female where possible.
- Participants can only attend this program once - past participants need not apply.

Please Note: the program has a maximum capacity of 50 participants (plus the leadership team).

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Nicole Palmer – SLSQ Membership Development Officer on (07) 3846 8000 or npalmer@lifesaving.com.au.

Key Application Dates

Leadership Team Applications:

Members are asked to apply for the Leadership Team with Leader and Mentor positions being decided by the Coordination Team following the close of applications.

Date	Action
8 August 2018	Applications Open
10 September 2018	Applications Close at SLSQ at 9am
12 September 2018	Ranking and Endorsement forms to be sent to clubs
19 September 2018	Completed Endorsement forms to be sent from Clubs to Branch
26 September 2018	Completed Endorsement forms to be sent from Branch to SLSQ
By 28 September 2018	Leadership Team applicants to be notified of the outcome of their application

Participant Applications:

As in previous years, clubs will be emailed a list of complete and incomplete applications two weeks before closing for Participants Only.

Date	Action
8 August 2018	Applications Open
4 September 2018	Clubs to be sent a list of progress Applications
18 September 2018	Applications Close at SLSQ at 9am
20 September 2018	Ranking and Endorsement forms to be sent to clubs
1 October 2018	Completed Ranking & Endorsement forms to be sent from Clubs to Branch
11 October 2018	Completed Ranking & Endorsement forms to be sent from Branch to SLSQ
By 15 October 2018	Participants to be notified of the outcome of their application