Program Announcement & Call for Nominations
2018-19 Women’s Leadership and Mentoring Program *
Sponsored by the Women’s Center at Virginia Tech

In collaboration with senior administrators and faculty at Virginia Tech, the Women’s Center is delighted to sponsor the 2018-19 VT Women’s Leadership and Mentoring Program (WLMP). Entering its 11th year, this program provides a cohort-based experience for post-masters professionals in a series of sessions on topics related to professional development. The WLMP is specifically designed for women who are [aspiring] higher education administrators and wish to gain leadership knowledge and experience.

Each session is taught by a senior administrator and the topics include management of personnel, budget, governance and institutional decision-making, supervision, performance planning and evaluation, team-building and collaboration, career development, government relations, and other topics that the group may identify. Organized sessions may be supplemented by brown-bag opportunities to learn more about issues and topics of interest to the group.

In addition to the monthly seminars, participants will have the opportunity to be paired with a program mentor. This is a valuable opportunity for participants to connect with senior leaders, discuss goals and strategies, process seminar content, and gain from mentors’ experiences and insights.

The cost for participation in the WLMP is $195.00, which covers all necessary materials for the seminar, including a 360-degree assessment tool. Directors and department heads are encouraged to sponsor the nominee by using departmental funds to cover the cost of the program.

We are currently accepting nominations for the 2018-19 cohort. We encourage you to nominate post-masters professionals who are: aspiring higher education administrators; responsible for budget management and supervision; and can make a commitment to attending all of the monthly program seminars. Please limit nominations to one individual per department or, for larger departments, please prioritize your nominees.
Self-nominations are welcome, provided that a letter of support from the nominee’s supervisor is attached. The nomination letter should be no more than one-page in length and the total packet should include:

- A brief outline of the nominee’s professional background;
- Articulation of how the nominee will benefit from and contribute to the WLMP;
- Information on time in current role, how many individuals the nominee supervises and their budget management responsibilities; and
- A copy of the nominee’s job description.

Please submit nominations via email or campus mail no later than Wednesday, August 15, 2018 to:

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This year’s program will be limited to 20 participants. Individuals selected for inclusion in the WLMP will be notified no later than Friday, August 24th. The first session is scheduled for Thursday, September 13th, 2018 @ 8:30AM-Noon, with an additional lunch-hour session from Noon-1:15PM.

The remaining sessions are scheduled for 8:30AM-Noon on the following dates:
- Thursday, October 11th, 2018
- Thursday, November 15th, 2018
- Thursday, January 17th, 2019
- Thursday, February 14th, 2019
- Thursday, March 7th, 2019
- Thursday, April 11th, 2019
- Thursday, May 9th, 2019 (followed by a Closing Celebration Lunch from 12-1:30PM)

* The WLMP is the recipient of the 2015 American Council on Education State Network Leadership Award for the Advancement of Women in Higher Education, which recognizes an outstanding and innovative program that helps advance or support women or women’s issues in higher education.