

# MASTER OF ARTS IN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The **Master of Arts in Leadership Development (MLD)** is a transformative, interdisciplinary program that prepares students to engage in leadership for the common good. The program brings together a diverse group of students in a cohort model and can be completed in two years.





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Our graduates develop the skills to be creative, reflective and innovative leaders by integrating theory and practice. Students can:

- Increase self-awareness and develop a leadership vision to implement for the common good
- Develop leadership skills to facilitate collaboration among teams and groups with diverse identities, experiences and perspectives
- Apply organizational and leadership theories and research to create system change to address small- and large-scale social challenges
- Critically examine leadership systems and structures and create spaces for equitable organizations, communities, schools, and institutions

At Chapman, you will become a leader who drives purposeful and sustainable change, fostering leadership growth in others.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Achieve your master's degree with just 10 courses (30 credits) offered once a week at 4 p.m. or 7 p.m.
- Receive personalized education with low student-to-faculty ratios and small cohorts of working professionals
- Engage with students and faculty in interactive, discussion-based classes
- Participate in an optional travel study course most recent course destinations include Costa Rica, Iceland, England, Peru and Cambodia
- Get first-hand experience through for-credit internships or paid Student Affairs graduate assistantships

# PAID GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

Through a partnership with Chapman's Division of Student Affairs, graduate assistant positions are available to prepare MLD students interested in careers in student affairs or other areas of higher education. With these paid positions, students put theory into practice and gain practical experience essential for post-degree career placement.

"To graduate is humbling, to have an experience that developed you at your core is life-changing, and to have students who give you purpose is priceless. I am honored to share that I have completed my master's degree in Leadership Development. What started as an emphasis in higher education quickly turned into a passion for incarcerated education. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity MLD provided to create and structure curriculum that supported my love of learning. This degree is for my students who have changed my life."

- Nshyira Korankyi '22



"The MLD program has allowed me to open my heart and mind as a leader even further than I thought imaginable. The faculty, staff and fellow graduate students are some of the brightest and most caring leaders I have ever met. I know that my time in the MLD program will propel me to be the best leader I can be no matter where I go in this world."

- Frank Burgess '21

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