Launchpad Leadership Academy

Launchpad Leadership Academy is Clayton State’s compe��ve leadership program in the College of Informa�on and Mathema�cal Sciences. Launchpad Leadership Academy oﬀers an ecosystem of opportuni�es in conjunc�on with the technology industry that provides students a nurturing educa�onal atmosphere with hands-on-learning experiences in a 21st-century work environment.

# Scholarship Requirements

* Application, essay, and three completed letters of recommendation.
* Enrolled full-time undergraduate student seeking a degree in the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences at Clayton State University. *(Note: Any change in class schedule, degree status, or full-time classification may result in immediate loss of scholarship)*
* Active participation in an on-site, hands-on, cooperative internship with a community partner within the Atlanta metro area. Accepted scholars are expected to provide their own reliable transportation to the weekly off-campus internship meeting location.
* Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above *(Note: Incoming freshman must have a high school GPA of 3.5 or above and either an SAT math score of 600 or higher OR an ACT score of 25 or higher)*
* Maintain a semester GPA of at least 3.5 or above each semester in the program
* Engage with assigned cohort for the duration of the awarded program
* Attendance and participation in specific scholarship events throughout the year
* Updated resume approved by Career Services
* Updated and active GitHub account
* Completed FAFSA

# Beneﬁts of being a Launchpad Scholar

* $1,000 per year for tuition and fees (awarded over 2 consecutive semesters)
* Ability to participate in a distinct internship combining in-class and outside-the-classroom

partnerships with industry companies in the metro Atlanta area

# Applica�on Checklist

* The Launchpad Leadership Academy scholarship is an opportunity only available to Clayton State students. Applicants MUST be admitted to Clayton State for Fall 2023 to qualify for this opportunity. Appointed scholars must be enrolled full-time within the College of Information and Mathematical Sciences at Clayton State University for the duration of the scholarship to remain eligible for the award. If you have not applied to Clayton State University, use the links below to apply for admission. If you’ve already been accepted to Clayton State University please continue with the next requirement.
	+ NEW STUDENT: [Complete the application for Clayton State University admission](https://www.clayton.edu/admissions/)

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* + TRANSERT STUDENT: [Complete the application for transfer admission to Clayton State](https://www.clayton.edu/admissions/)

[University](https://www.clayton.edu/admissions/) < https://[www.clayton.edu/admissions/](http://www.clayton.edu/admissions/)>

* + CURRENT STUDENT: If currently enrolled full time for Fall 2023 continue with Launchpad Leadership Academy application

*All application items below must be submitted via email to* *launchpad@clayton.edu.* *Please put “Scholarship Application – YOUR LAST NAME” when submitting materials.*

*Any questions, please contact* *launchpad@clayton.edu.*

* Three (3) letters of reference are required for each applicant and are due to the scholarship committee by APRIL 15. Submission information is on the reference document. Failure to have three letters submitted will result in your application being incomplete. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed or considered. At least one reference should be a Clayton State professor or staff member (for current students) or previous professor/teacher (for new and transfer students) and at least one should be a previous supervisor/mentor/leader.
* Launchpad Leadership Academy application essay must be no more than two pages in length, double spaced, 12-point font; should be a strong example of your ability to communicate effectively in writing and cover the following:
	+ Your reasons for applying to the Launchpad leadership program.
	+ Strengths/experiences that make you a unique/valuable addition to the program
	+ Experiences related to the tech industry (paid or volunteer)
	+ Leadership roles, achievements, accomplishments and special skills (multi-lingual, research experiences, involvement in community engagement)
	+ Professional plans after graduation

# Recommended Resources

* Applicants are encouraged to meet with their Admissions Advisor prior to applying. During the admissions process, admission advisors help match interests to the appropriate program of study, assist in successfully naviga�ng the applica�on process, and direct poten�al students to useful campus resources such as ﬁnancial aid. For new and transfer students, they can also review transcripts and determine whether addi�onal coursework is necessary for admission to Clayton State.
* Make an appointment with the Laker Hall Student Success Center for assistance with and proofreading of your application essay.
* Meet with Career Services for interview assistance and to create/update your resume.

*Note: If you are chosen for an interview a resume will be required at the time of the interview.*