

Ethical leadership

Now more than ever there is a need for good leadership. Issues like climate change, the escalation of global food prices and the tightening of international credit highlight the need for ethical leadership. In today's complex and uncertain world, leadership choices have a critical impact on the state of our society.

The Vincent Fairfax Fellowship

The Vincent Fairfax Fellowship is Australia's premiere national leadership program. Internationally unique in its vision and scope, it has been running for 15 years. The calibre of those who undertake and support this award is outstanding. Historically, Australian ethical leaders are those who can give meaning and a clear sense of direction to the community – especially during trying times.

They have a sense of what makes a good society;
are able to help others deal with complexity;
face challenges with moral courage;
and can stand alone when required.

Good leaders have a capacity for ethical reflection and when faced with difficult dilemmas are able to draw on an inner character in order to determine the best course of action. The aim of the Vincent Fairfax Fellowship is to help find and develop such people and, in doing so, help to secure a better future.

The ethics of leadership is practical wisdom, it is about the old and persistent question 'what ought one do?'
The program will enhance the applicant's skills, judgement and capacity for good decision-making in all areas of their responsibility.
As those skills grow, so will the quality of Australia's leadership.

It takes guts, commitment and integrity!

Who can apply?

Applications are open for the 15th round of the Vincent Fairfax Fellowship and close on 30 September 2008. The Fellowship is available to people who aspire to lead in a broad spectrum of fields in either public or private life. Business, government, the arts, professions and community services are included; but there are no restrictions. Fellows come from the city and regional Australia. Each year 15 fellowships are awarded to people who show outstanding capability and potential to lead in a way that will benefit Australian society. They are usually in their late twenties to late thirties.

If you know someone who is ready to rise to this challenge, please encourage them to apply.



How it works

The award runs over 2 years and involves 9 weeks away. Fellows will travel to remote parts of Australia and countries in South East Asia. They will be challenged intellectually, emotionally, physically and spiritually as they explore aspects of their own integrity.

Ethics in leadership program

Phase 1 – the Australian context –January 2008

- Business ethics for leaders and managers program
- Outdoor training and learning program Nitmiluk National Park, Katherine NT
- Cultural Awareness training
- Mine site visits - fellows split into 5 groups. Sites include Rio Tinto's Argyle Diamond Mines WA, Alcan at Weipa Qld and Groote Eylandt NT
- Canberra briefings on major policy issues and the workings of government

Phase 2 – personal/professional growth and development

- Learning contracts – 9 hours per month
- Each Fellow chooses a mentor
- Integrity workshop

Phase 3 – Good decision-making and leadership

- 5 day retreat in Sydney

Phase 4 – regional context - January 2009

- Regional project – Fellows undertake individual projects of their own design, in a country of their choice in the South East Asian region
- Regional ethics conference – brings together emerging leaders from around the wider South East Asian region

Phase 5 – celebration

- A symposium for all Vincent Fairfax Fellows to come together for a long weekend where ties are renewed and further issues are explored
- Graduation and presentation of regional research projects

Costs of the program

The costs of the Fellowship are met by St James Ethics Centre thanks to the generous support of the Vincent Fairfax Ethics in Leadership Foundation.

Applications close on 30 September 2008. Apply at www.ethics.org.au



St James Ethic Centre is an independant not-for-profit organisation which provides a non-judgemental forum for the promotion and exploration of ethics.

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