



PUBLIC LEADERS PROGRAMMES



LEVEL UP YOUR LEADERSHIP

Today's fast-paced and complex world requires seasoned public leaders ready to tackle unexpected challenges and drive superior performance.

Designed to support public leaders in any stage of their career journey, the curriculum of our Public Leaders Programmes blends cutting edge research with practice to provide participants with the right skills, knowledge, and frameworks essential for a successful leader.

Whether you are a rising public leader or an experienced head of a public organisation, our unique, immersive programmes will allow you to learn from world-renowned scholars, leading practitioners, and build life-long connections with like-minded peers.

Enhanced skills to meet the demands of the 21st century



Communicate effectively

Explore how leaders of public organisations communicate to best impact.



Harness digital technology

Learn the complex political, regulatory, and technological challenges leaders face, including cyber security and threats of enhanced artificial intelligence.



Strengthen organisational effectiveness

Gain insight into the patterns and dynamics of organisational reform and what evidence there is to support strategies of radical reform or incremental improvement.



Reduce cognitive bias in decision-making

Explore different forms of bias and the consequences for decision-making.



Negotiate in the public interest

Refresh and extend your familiarity with core concepts of negotiation and expand your knowledge of more advanced tactics.



Maintain personal integrity






Develop a strong ethical framework to understand and address ethical dilemmas, and be empowered to navigate high-pressure situations with greater confidence.



EXECUTIVE PUBLIC LEADERS PROGRAMME

Building excellence, connecting public leaders

AT A GLANCE

-  Fee: **£18,000 per person**
(Includes accommodation, meals, tuition, programme materials, executive coaching and extracurricular activities)
-  Duration: **12 days**
-  Language: **English**
-  **Held in Oxford**
-  **Top leadership**

Typical class profile

14

Different nationalities

20

Average years of work experience

18

Average class size

30%

Women participants

Job titles include:
Attorney General,
Secretary General,
Chief Executive,
Deputy Governor

Overview

As a senior executive of any government department, agency, ministry, or multilateral organisation, it can often feel as if you are managing every conceivable organisational challenge at once, from the internal culture of your organisation to the mastery of new technology and the forging of international partnerships across the public and private sectors.

The Executive Public Leaders Programme offers insight from the world's leading scholars and practitioners, peer learning from a diverse global cohort, and one-to-one guidance from a team of professional coaches. More than that, the programme strengthens the critical skills senior public servant need to build cultures of excellence, effectiveness, and integrity throughout the institutions they lead.

As a participant on the programme, you will focus on enhancing the skills, knowledge and frameworks essential in succeeding as a senior public sector leader. Throughout this immersive learning experience, you will work with peers, faculty and individual coaches to pull lessons together and apply them directly to your organisation, strengthening your contribution to the public sector more widely.

Is this you?

The Executive Public Leaders Programme is aimed at senior leaders in the public sector at the very top of their organisation, department or ministry, or are moving into such a position within the next two years. You should apply for this programme if you are looking to:

- Engage in interactive discussions, debates and simulations with a global group of senior public leaders
- Gain the skills and confidence in your management of people, technology and organisational culture
- Draw valuable lessons from the latest cutting-edge research
- Learn from Oxford's world-class faculty, practitioners and like-minded peers
- Immerse yourself in the Oxford experience through college dinners, Shakespeare role playing and more.



A fantastic wake-up call – [the programme] took many of us with senior but partial experience and widened the spotlight, putting our shared experiences into a powerful context. A lot of practical ideas, and things to mull over. And fantastic socially.

Vijay Rangarajan, UK Ambassador to Brazil, 2019 participant



The Executive Public Leaders Programme has changed me as a person, leader and public servant. [...] I also feel better equipped to help our new generation of New Zealand public service leaders on their professional journeys.

Hoani Lambert, Deputy Chief Executive, Department of Internal Affairs, New Zealand Government, 2022 participant



HOW TO APPLY

Please note, admission to the programme is selective and is based on professional achievements, organisational responsibilities, and personal motivation.

If you would like to preview all questions before completing the application form, you can do so by scanning the QR code or visiting the link below:

1



Complete the online application form



2



Upload your CV/Resume and organisational chart

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Call with Recruitment Advisor - RPLP

Call with Programme Director - EPLP





BE PART OF A LIFELONG NETWORK

Upon completion of any of the Public Leaders Programmes, you will become part of a network of exceptional public leaders, who share the same commitment to improve public service globally.

This lifelong community will not only serve as a powerful reminder of a shared desire to make a real difference in the world, but also allow you to forge connections that you can turn to as trusted sources of advice and research.

As an executive programme alumnus, your connection to the School will continue beyond the classroom, and there are a number of ways for you to stay connected with us, including by:

- Collaborating with faculty on future projects
- Attending and participating in events
- Participating as a visiting expert, for example at a career-focused seminar or practical skills session
- Invitations to exclusive online events throughout the year focusing on topical issues, featuring faculty and fellow participants
- Acting as an ambassador for the School, connecting us with future students, partners and donors
- Gaining access to an exclusive LinkedIn alumni group
- Becoming a mentor for other students.

WORLD CLASS FACULTY

Programme Directors



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Public Speaking
Expert



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Executive Public Leaders Programme














Rising Public Leaders Programme



In-Country Public Leaders Programme



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	Stefan Dercon Professor of Economic Policy	●	●	●		Thomas Simpson Associate Professor of Philosophy and Public Policy	●	●	●
	Thomas Elston Associate Professor in Public Administration	●	●			Maya Tudor Associate Professor of Government and Public Policy	●		
	Emily Jones Associate Professor in Public Policy (Global Economic Governance)	●	●	●		Martin Williams Associate Professor in Public Management	●	●	●
	Clare Leaver Professor of Economics and Public Policy	●	●			Jo Wolff Alfred Landecker Professor of Values and Public Policy	●	●	
	Aaron Maniam Fellow of Practice and Director, Digital Transformation Education	●				Ngaire Woods Dean of Blavatnik School of Government	●	●	●
	Ciaran Martin Professor of Practice in the Management of Public Organisations	●	●	●					





IMPROVING GOVERNMENT WORLDWIDE

The Blavatnik School of Government is one of the University of Oxford's newest and most vibrant departments.

We draw on the range of Oxford University expertise from science and computing to humanities and social sciences, and implement it in our teaching, research, and wider engagement, with a mission to improve government worldwide.

Since our foundation in 2010, we have learned from and advised multiple heads of government, several civil service chiefs, and many C-suite executives from organisations like the UN and the World Bank. With a history of over 900 years of teaching, Oxford University has produced nearly 60 heads of state and government and countless leaders of major political organisations.





THE OXFORD EXPERIENCE

Our Public Leaders Programmes reimagine leadership education for the 21st century.

While studying on one of our Public Leaders Programmes, you will be immersed in Oxford's academic rigour, learning from some of the world's leading scholars and practitioners. Emphasising a combined focus on academic theory and practical approaches will allow you to gain highly recognised Oxford credentials, renowned globally as a sign of excellence and authority, which could significantly elevate the contribution you make to your public sector organisation.

For our participants that join us in Oxford, there is a variety of unique opportunities and exclusive experiences to benefit from, including:

- Programme dinners and interactive sessions with your fellow participants at historic Oxford colleges
- Special social events such as college visits, walking tours and refreshments at traditional Oxford pubs
- Wandering the ancient, cobbled streets and taking in over 900 years of history
- Trips to London with debates, sessions and dinners at the House of Lords.



TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Interested in finding out more?

Whether you are interested in a programme for individuals or want to understand how we work with organisations, contact our recruitment team for a more personalised advice.