

# Non-Profit Leadership

### What is Non-Profit Leadership?

Non-profit leadership involves leading and managing organizations whose central missions are humanitarian, charitable, benevolent, philanthropic, or public-spirited in focus. Accomplishment of the mission is the central focus, not making a profit for investors.

#### Lifestyle and Work-Life Balance

Generally, the lifestyle is one of focus, satisfaction, and a sense of impact. Work hours vary depending on the organization. Many people in non-profit leadership are able to have a fine work-life balance, while other non-profits are understaffed and underfunded, and the work hours may be quite long but purposeful.

#### **Relevant Academic Majors and Minors**

Nearly any academic major or minor. Many large non-profits prefer students in Business (including Finance, Accounting, or Marketing), Political Science, Legal Studies, or Psychology, who have a heart for leading in the non-profit world. Smaller non-profits look for employees with wide skill bases to cover their programs and operation.

#### **Relevant Co-Curricular Experiences**

Service trips and mission trips, study abroad, community service work study, internships and summer employment with non-profits, leadership in campus organizations, participation and leadership in organizations in the wider community.

## Jobs and Careers in Non-Profit Leadership

People engaged in non-profit leadership work as directors, program managers, coordinators, grant writers, legal advisors, and executives. They work for local, national, and international organizations, ranging from community organizations and community foundations with a few employees to large non-profits with hundreds of employees.

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