

Rieke Leadership Award
Pacific Lutheran University's Diversity Center



The Rieke Leadership Award was established in 1988 by President William O. Rieke to reaffirm the University's commitment to inclusiveness and diversity. Recipients of the award are men and women of any ethnic background who demonstrate their leadership in promoting racial and ethnic diversity, and social justice at Pacific Lutheran University and beyond. PLU recognizes the contributions such leaders make in our society by awarding them gifts of up to \$3500 to support their pursuit of higher education. Recipients of the award are expected to participate actively in curricular and co-curricular activities in a multi-ethnic context.

Track One - Diversity Center

Rieke Scholars will work with PLU's Diversity Center. There is an expected time commitment of three hours per week for the academic year, which is structured around self-exploration around issues of social justice and diversity. Hours will be checked at the end of each semester. Through involvement in the Diversity Center, Scholars will enrich the fabric of university life while increasing their own leadership skills. **Deadlines – First time applicants: March 1. Returning Scholars: April 1.**

Track Two – Word Up! Facilitator

Word Up! facilitators strive to engage students in dialogues about the fundamental components of identity and the dynamics of power and oppression in order to foster the development of social justice allies. Word Up! facilitators must commit to 30 hours skills training; at least 3 Word Up! workshops per semester; and volunteer 3 hours per week in The Diversity Center. **Deadline – April 1.**

Track Three – Rieke Leadership Fellow

In collaboration with the Director of The Diversity Center, Rieke Leadership Fellows work on a year-long project of their choosing that addresses issues of social justice and inclusion (e.g. eco-justice, health and wellness, and Queer and ally identity development). Projects must address a current need and/or issue on campus and have a tangible outcome (e.g., program, panel discussion, report) at the end of the academic year. **Deadline – April 1.**

Track Four – International Peer Advisor

International Peer Advisors (IPA) will work with International Student Service. IPAs assist in development and implementation of Fall and Spring International Student Orientation. IPAs are also expected to develop and implement separate activity for international students beyond orientation and promote increased participation to existing on-campus programs among international students. During each semester, each IPA plans at least one on-campus or off-campus activity and invites new students to participate. Each IPA will collaborate with the International Student Services Intern, Diversity Advocates and other student leaders to facilitate activities. Overall, IPAs are expected to be a role model for new international students and facilitate a positive transition process. **Deadline- March 1.**

Restrictions

- Renewal of the award is not automatic. A complete application packet must be submitted for consideration for each academic year
- The information in the application must be no more than 2 years old
- Application deadlines are firm. It is the applicant's responsibility to meet the deadlines as they are stated
- Recipients must be full-time students
- Recipients must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above
- The Selection Committee's decision is final

All Applicants Must Submit:

- Application form
- An updated resume
- **First time applicants** must include two letters of reference from individuals who can provide an official evaluation of your leadership activities in a multi-ethnic context, such as teachers, professors, pastor, community leaders, and/or guidance counselors. Letters from family members will not be considered. Letters of reference must have been written within the last six months prior to the date of application.
- Typed essays of 500 words or less answering each of the following questions (**please answer questions for the Rieke Track that you are applying for only**):
 - **Track One - Diversity Center**
 - Why are you applying for a Rieke Leadership Award? Include an explanation of your commitment to diversity, social justice, and advocacy.
 - How do you help or serve others in your local community, school and/or family? How will you play a role in the PLU community and the community that you choose to live in after graduation?
 - Describe a topic or issue of diversity and social justice that you are passionate about. Why is it important to you?
 - **Returners Only:** How has your commitment as a Rieke Scholar in previous year(s) influenced the PLU community? What have you participated in that has promoted social change, leadership, and diversity? What has been your impact on The Diversity Center community?
 - **Track Two – Word Up!**
 - Why are you applying for a Rieke Leadership Award? Include an explanation of your commitment to diversity, social justice, and advocacy.
 - Describe a topic or issue of diversity and social justice that you are passionate about. Why is it important to you?
 - Why is introducing concepts of diversity important to first year students, especially at Pacific Lutheran University? Describe any experiences you have had with facilitating conversations with peers.

- **Track Three – Rieke Fellows**
 - Why are you applying for a Rieke Leadership Award? Include an explanation of your commitment to diversity, social justice, and advocacy.
 - What area of social justice would you like your project to focus on? Why is this area important to you? Describe what the final product for your proposed project looks like.

- **Track Four – International Peer Advisor**
 - Why are you applying for a Rieke Leadership Award- IPA track? Include an explanation of your commitment to diversity, social justice, and advocacy around people from aboard and non-native English speakers.
 - Describe any experiences you had interacting with international students and/or your experience visiting, living or studying abroad. What did you learn?
 - What is something that you would like international students' experience at PLU? How would you help accomplish that?

Completed applications and essay questions should be directed to:

Angie Hambrick
Director – The Diversity Center
Pacific Lutheran University
Tacoma WA, 98447
hambriaz@plu.edu
p: 253.535.8180
f: 253.535.7483

**LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.
APPLICANTS MUST BE FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS.**

Rieke Leadership Award Application Form

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

- Entering Student Continuing Student Transfer Student
- Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior
- Track One: Diversity Center Track Two: Word Up! Track Three: Rieke Fellow
- Track Four: IPA

Name _____

Local Address _____ Local Phone _____

City/State/Zip _____

Permanent Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____

Social Security Number or PLU Identification Number _____ GPA _____

Offices and Positions of Leadership

School and Community Awards

Honors and Awards

Question for IPA track application ONLY

Have you held a US driver's license for a minimum of two years? YES/ NO