

RISING LEADERS INITIATIVES

STUDENT AND RECENT GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES



OVERVIEW

The USBLN's Rising Leaders Initiative is a career development program for students and recent graduates with disabilities through linkages with business professionals from USBLN corporate partners.

The Rising Leaders Initiative involves two programs: **The Mentoring Program** and the **Leadership Academy**.

The Mentoring Program is a six-month career mentoring opportunity to college students and recent graduates, including veterans, with disabilities. In 2017, there were 125 Rising Leaders in the Mentoring Program; many of whom were STEM-focused. **Approximately 85% of Rising Leaders have been employed since the program's inception.** Through the Mentoring Program, Rising Leaders benefit from a network of businesses connections.

The Founding Partners of the Mentoring Program are: Microsoft, Northrop Grumman and Deloitte.

The Leadership Academy is an intensive two-day networking and career development opportunity that takes place during the USBLN Annual Conference. **17 job offers were extended to USBLN Rising Leaders by the end of the Conference in 2017.**

The 2017 Leadership Academy was exclusively supported by Microsoft and Northrop Grumman.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

If you are a **college student or recent graduate with a disability** who has questions about **transitioning** into employment in the **business sector**, we highly encourage you to apply for either program!

USBLN especially encourages STEM majors, veterans, students of color, and LGBTQ+ students to apply.

Applications are now open: www.usbln.org/RLIapplication

1. RISING LEADERS MENTORING PROGRAM (RLMP)

The RLMP is considered competitive and best-in-class for students and recent graduates with disabilities.

Students from across the U.S. seek to join the Mentorship Program not only for the career guidance, but also the high-level of network contacts.

BENEFITS

- **MEET WITH CORPORATE MENTOR AT LEAST TWICE A MONTH** (can include email exchange, phone chat, video call or in person)
- **ATTEND MONTHLY WEBINARS**
- **AVAILABLE FOR 6-MONTH PERIOD** (upcoming: March-August 2018)

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2. RISING LEADERSHIP ACADEMY: MATCHMAKING AND INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES

The Rising Leadership Academy brings in students from all over the country to the USBLN Annual Conference. The upcoming 2018 Leadership Academy will take place in **Las Vegas, Nevada from July 7 - July 12.**

There are many opportunities to kick start your career, with:

- **PRE-ACADEMY INTERVIEW PREP CONFERENCE CALLS**
- **MATCHMAKING EVENTS WITH CORPORATE EXECUTIVES**
- **INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES ON-SITE**
- **OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH OTHER RISING LEADERS AND RISING LEADER ALUMNI**
- **ATTEND USBLN ANNUAL CONFERENCE PLENARY SESSIONS AND BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

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