

THE LEADERS COUNCIL

is a select group of outstanding alumni and friends of the college from across the country who have distinguished themselves in design.

Leaders Council members promote the welfare of the college through advocacy, fundraising and service.

Through member involvement and engagement, the Leaders Council advocates for design at NC State University and beyond.

We are looking for individuals who have demonstrated involvement, support and commitment to NC State's College of Design to serve a 4-year term beginning July 1, 2026.

SHAPE the future of one of the nation's highest-ranked public design colleges.

EXPAND your professional network with other leaders in design.

SUPPORT initiatives that resonate with your values.

OUR COMMITMENT

The Leaders Council is committed to creating a board culture that attracts diverse members who are leaders in their respective fields.

We are focused on diversifying the board and issues of equity and inclusion.

YOUR COMMITMENT

Dedication to the mission of the College of Design.

Participate in Leaders Council meetings (twice per year), plus intermittent committee meetings.*

Support the college with an annual financial donation that is personally meaningful.

Promote NC State and the College of Design in your personal and professional communities.

Questions?

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design.ncsu.edu/alumni/leaders-council

APPLY HERE

Applications accepted until February 11 for the next class of Leaders Council members.

FREQUENT QUESTIONS

What is the time commitment?

We ask that members of the Leaders Council attend two full board meetings per year, one of which is in-person. In addition, members will be assigned a committee that meets several times a year (typically 4-6), mostly often via phone or virtual meeting.

When are meetings held?

Full board meetings take place in the fall and spring, with one meeting in-person and one meeting online. Committee meetings are scheduled at the discretion of the committee chair and are intended to work with the committee members' schedules.

What are the current committees?

Current standing committees include Membership; Opportunity; Fundraising; Community Engagement; and Industry Engagement.

How long is a term on the Leaders Council?

The initial term is four years beginning on July 1 and may be extended for an additional four-year term.

Do I have to live in North Carolina?

No. We welcome candidates from across the United States and beyond and are actively recruiting for members outside of North Carolina.

Do I have to be an alumnus?

No. While the Leaders Council is largely comprised of College of Design alumni, we welcome interest from design professionals and industry partners who are dedicated to the mission of the College of Design and can demonstrate involvement, commitment, and support to the college over a four-year term.

What is the financial commitment?

We encourage members to contribute to the College of Design in a way that is meaningful for them. This philanthropic amount may be different from everyone, but we ask for 100% participation from our board.

Do I have to ask people for money?

There are ways for everyone to be involved in fundraising for the College of Design, from making introductions to your network to hosting events and thanking donors. In addition, we have a fundraising committee that reaches out to strategically raise money for the college with the help of the college's development team.