

AmCham Future Leaders

January - September 2021, Hong Kong



The Future Leaders program will enable a select group of rising young executives to focus on developing the skills and professional connections they'll need to achieve their full potential. Over nine months, the course will provide exclusive access to businesses and leaders that are driving Hong Kong's economy.

PARTICIPANTS WILL

- Develop and hone leadership skills
- See first-hand the sectors driving HK's economy
- Receive insights from CXO-level leaders
- Learn from top university professors & executive trainers

THE OUTCOME WILL BE

- Leaders engaged in Hong Kong's community
- Business executives equipped for the future
- Professional networks expanded across sectors
- More entrepreneurial, creative mindsets

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Future Leaders starts January 2021 with a session welcoming participants to the program and AmCham. A team-building workshop will follow, focusing on communication skills and facilitating introductions. Over the next 9 months, participants will have multiple opportunities for meaningful engagement with senior corporate, government and nonprofit executives – including a reception hosted by the US Consul General at his residence. They will gain lifelong skills through CXO conversations, behind-the-scenes industry tours, leadership seminars with leading university professors, and more. The program concludes with a graduation celebration attended by AmCham's Board of Governors, corporate sponsors and program partners. [See reverse for further details]

ELIGIBILITY

The program accepts up to 25 participants who are aged 35 and under at the time of applying and recognized as having high potential for an organizational leadership role. Successful candidates will be high performers ready to take on new challenges and eager to expand their professional network. Future Leaders will also be inspired to learn from Hong Kong's business, government, and nonprofit leaders, and committed to attending all sessions.

SELECTION PROCESS

AmCham will solicit and accept candidate nominations and direct applications for the selective class through December 8, 2020. An admissions committee will review all applications to ensure a well-rounded class and candidates will be notified of decisions by December 16, 2020. To nominate a candidate or apply for the program, please go to <https://www.amcham.org.hk/amcham-future-leaders-class-2021>.

COST, BENEFITS & COMMITMENT

The course fee of HK\$10,000 includes all programs, materials, and complimentary tickets to three AmCham events. Participants who complete the program – joining in at least 75 percent of sessions – will be awarded an AmCham Future Leaders certificate and a one-year chamber membership upon graduation.

From January through September, the group will meet approximately every three weeks. With a few exceptions for company and government visits, sessions will be held outside of working hours (weekday evenings or Saturday mornings). Companies that send candidates commit to ensuring they can participate fully.

FORMAT, HEALTH & SAFETY

The Future Leaders 2021 curriculum is designed to be flexible, engaging, and safe! Sessions will be held in-person or virtually in accordance with the health and safety situation at the time and will adhere to all government regulations for group gatherings. Any and all in-person gatherings will require face masks, temperature checks, and the completion of a health declaration. Hand sanitizer will be provided. Attendance will be taken.

As the course spans a full 9 months, sessions that most benefit from in-person attendance, or may involve socializing with food and drink, will be scheduled toward the end of the program.



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AMCHAM FUTURE LEADERS CLASS OF 2021 PRELIMINARY COURSE CONTENT*

Welcome Orientation & Introduction to AmCham Tara Joseph, President of AmCham, and the Future Leaders Committee will welcome the incoming class, outline the program content and expectations, and introduce participants to the chamber. This kick-off session is scheduled for 6PM, Thursday, January 14th, 2021.

Exclusive Meetings with Senior Executives and Government Officials Future Leaders will learn about new industries, what it takes to succeed, and how to overcome the inevitable challenges along the way. The preliminary line-up of all-star speakers includes:

- Christopher Heady, Chairman of Asia Pacific, Head of Real Estate Asia & Sr. Managing Director, Blackstone
- Girish Jhunjhunwala, Founder & CEO, Ovolo
- Chris Laskowski, Head of Corporate and Investment Banking, Citigroup Hong Kong
- Akil Baldwin, Regional Attaché, Homeland Security Investigations, U.S. Consulate General Hong Kong

Behind the Scenes with Dynamic Hong Kong Businesses & A Leading Non-Profit Organization

Ronald Lu & Partners Future Leaders will learn about architecture in Hong Kong, in conversation with Anthony Cheung, Director of award-winning Ronald Lu & Partners (RLP). RLP is a design-led architecture firm with a vision to design a better life and redefine sustainability. Health situation permitting, participants will have a guided tour of one of RLPs recent projects, such as the Xiqu Theatre.

Facebook Future Leaders will take a tour of Facebook's innovative open-plan workplace. There will also be an engaging discussion with George Chen, Facebook's Head of Public Policy, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Mongolia.

HandsOn Hong Kong Sue Toomey, Executive Director, HandsOn Hong Kong will give participants a primer on the unmet social needs in Hong Kong, discussing the many ways in which young professionals can help the community. Future Leaders will divide into small teams and be given the assignment to complete a volunteer mission.

Leadership Skills Workshops

Team Building: Held at the start of the program, this session focuses on communication, teamwork and getting to know fellow Future Leaders.

Storytelling in Business Presentations In this two-part workshop, executive coach Gary Lo will teach Future Leaders how to transform presentations into stories to make their communication more effective and convincing, enhance audience engagement, and gain stakeholder buy-in.

HKUST Workshop: Finding Your Leadership Style This workshop will guide Future Leaders to identify their leadership style and how to use it to become more effective leaders. Led by Steven DeKrey, Senior Advisor to the Dean and Adjunct Professor at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Business School's Department of Management.

d.school Design Thinking Developed by the Institute of Design at Stanford University, and run by leadership development coach Felicity McRobb, this dynamic workshop inspires creative problem solving. Future Leaders will learn to use the design thinking approach to empathize, frame problems and produce innovative solutions.

MIT Innovation Node - A Pathway for Leading Accelerated Innovation Disruption is driving rapid transformation across business sectors. This full-day exploration of entrepreneurial concepts at MIT Innovation Node will inspire Future Leaders to facilitate new opportunities within their own organizations.

Current Topics with Leading US and Hong Kong University Professors

Journalism in 2021 Professor Keith B. Richburg, Director, HKU Journalism, The University of Hong Kong, will discuss current dynamics in journalism and the importance of distinguishing credible seeming "noise" from high-quality information.

USC, Public Diplomacy Learn about public diplomacy and how to use this soft power in the work environment, in this virtual class led University of Southern California (USC)

Network with Future Leaders Alumni & AmCham Members There will be a social mixer with with the AmCham Future Leaders Class of 2020, and the opportunity to attend three complimentary AmCham events.

Reception with the US Consul General The program concludes with a very special opportunity to meet the US Consul General, Hanscom Smith. Hosted at the Consul General's residence, this evening graduation reception is for AmCham Future Leaders, AmCham Board of Governors, and executives from our program sponsors and partners.