

How To Apply

For the Project Management Leadership Academy

The next application period will be in mid-2018. All participants must be nominated by a department executive and will be required to complete a formal application.

All applicants are screened and, if chosen, will be part of a cohort of individuals for the 11-week Academy.

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What Is PMLA?

The Project Management Leadership Academy (PMLA) is an 11-week program for state IT professionals with a focus on developing project management leadership skills. The program targets project managers with limited experience and current project support personnel. Support personnel are defined as those who have worked in project support functions (e.g. test manager, business analyst, contract manager) and aspire to lead projects for the State of California.



Participants in the Academy are selected candidates from state agencies and departments who are nominated by their executive team. If you have a strong desire to lead projects, are coachable, and understand the critical nature of a strong project management foundation, you are urged to apply.

How It Works

The PMLA consists of classroom learning and actual on-the-job mentoring experience on an IT project for a duration of 11 weeks. The PMLA requires full time participation in formal training and includes a project assignment with a mentor at a participating department.

Course Curriculum – 13 Days of Formal Training

- Project Management Foundations (Project Management Body of Knowledge & CA-Project Management Framework)
- Communication Skills for Successful Project Results
- Governance
- Team Leadership for Project Managers
- Organizational Change Management
- Contract and Vendor Management
- The Budget Process
- Top Project Challenges (Dirty Dozen)

- Procurement Management
- Risk Management

Minimum of 42 Professional Development Units Earned

Mentor and Intern Partnership

The internship component reinforces classroom training by providing on-the-job practical project experience and assignments to sharpen skills in the following areas:

- Relationship Management
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Team Dynamics
- Leadership



Who You'll Meet

You will interact with peers, class instructors, subject matter experts, and executives throughout the duration of the Academy.

You will directly partner with seasoned experts in the project management environment and benefit by actively participating in a designated project.

