

STUDY MELBOURNE LEADERSHIP LABS **4IMPACT**

2025 Program Overview



HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

Study Melbourne Leadership Labs 4Impact empowers motivated international students to create innovative solutions to real-world problems. Students will form teams and have the opportunity to contribute to 1 of 3 [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#). Each team is coached by a specific mentor to help them think creatively, work efficiently together and achieve inspiring results. No prior experience is required and the program is open to all year levels (from 1st year to PhD) and all academic backgrounds.

Students will join the first event live in-person, and pitch to a live judging panel after 10 weeks! In between, they join weekly online sessions and learn from a range of amazing facilitators, panellists and guest speakers virtually who will challenge you to turn ideas into results with \$5,000 worth of prizes up for grabs!

UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Education (UNSDG 4)

Focus: Ensure inclusive and quality education (in any/all areas).



Equality (UNSDG 5)

Focus: Gender equality and empowerment (for any/all genders).



Environment (UNSDG 12)

Focus: Sustainable production and consumption (for any product/service).

This Victorian Government initiative is Australia's biggest international student leadership program and it is completely free for students to participate!

STUDY MELBOURNE LEADERSHIP LABS 4IMPACT 2025 CALENDAR



March 6th, 2025 : Study Melbourne Leadership Labs 4Impact Launch & Team Building, Jasper Hotel

March 13th, 2025 : Identifying Your Team Purpose & Ideating Solutions

March 20th, 2025 : Innovation & Prototyping

March 27th, 2025: Branding & Marketing

April 3rd, 2025 : (PANEL) Social Impact Changemakers, Study Melbourne Hub

April 10th, 2025 : Planning & Partnerships

April 17th, 2025: How to Pitch Your Project

April 24th, 2025: Pitch Practice

May 1st, 2025: Pitch Competition (with GUEST JUDGES), Study Melbourne Hub

May 7th, 2025: Reflections, Feedback, Next Steps & Future Opportunities

***Bold events above = in person in Melbourne, non-bold = online via Zoom**



MEET YOUR MENTORS

Education (UNSDG 4)



Hanna Kwak

Hanna Kwak is a leader in education program delivery, committed to making education more inclusive and accessible. With extensive experience in program management and community engagement, she has led initiatives that create lasting impact for diverse learners and communities. She is currently the Head of Programs at Generation Australia.

Equality (UNSDG 5)



Chami Rupasinghe

Chami Rupasinghe is a lawyer, strategist, and founder committed to breaking barriers for underrepresented voices. She has spoken in Parliament, consulted on policy reports impacting 5.5 million Australians, and led initiatives on career progression, digital safety, and inclusion.

As the founder of Lejacie, she helps lawyers and regulated professionals refine their presence, close credibility gaps, and align expertise with modern trust signals. Through Law Wise Youth, she mentors emerging professionals navigating power dynamics in rigid industries. Chami is shaping a future where authenticity, impact, and equal access drive success.

Environment (UNSDG 12)



Usha Iyer-Raniga

Dr. Usha Iyer-Raniga, Professor at RMIT University's School of Property Construction and Project Management, and she co-leads the Circular Built Environment working group under the GlobalABC/One Planet Network's Materials Hub, hosted by UNEP.

She has delivered keynotes at major conferences, including COPs 26-29, and recently spoke at the Buildings and Global Climate Forum on circular economy solutions for the triple planetary crises. Usha has advised national and international agencies, taught across Asia, and serves on editorial boards and scientific committees.

With over 200 publications and over \$35 million USD in secured funding, Usha also contributes to media discussions and serves on nonprofit boards and as a judge for various awards.

WHAT 4IMPACT ACHIEVED PREVIOUSLY



STUDENTS FROM
37
COUNTRIES



22
UNIVERSITIES, TAFES &
COLLEGES

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I joined Study Melbourne Leadership Labs 4Impact to get something new in my daily routine to look forward to. Fast forwards to 10 weeks, I met a team & created a project I am passionate about and want to [sic] work upon even after this program ends. I am fuelled to be part of more initiatives like this in the future and create more projects that help the community.

- Chiya Belwal

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100%

of participants said that their confidence in LEADERSHIP has increased as a result of participating in this project.



99%

of participants felt that this program increased their feeling of CONNECTIVITY and CONFIDENCE living in Victoria.



97%

of participants felt that this project had a positive impact on their future CAREER pathway or decisions about work.

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My biggest learning through creating our project was how teamwork can make a big difference! My role as a team leader made me very committed to my project and step up when needed. I learned how to motivate my teammates by getting to know each other, and cheering each other up when we have a bad day. Most of all I learnt how to create a space where people feel belong as a group leader.

-Seng Doi

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WHAT SKILLS WILL STUDENTS GAIN?

Problem-solving: Students will learn how to find the root cause of a problem and identify how to solve it.

Critical Thinking: Students will learn how to assess and evaluate global challenges from a range of informed viewpoints.

Teamwork: Students will learn how to work effectively in a team and work towards a common social impact goal.

Communication: Students will learn how to clearly communicate their project mission, values, problem and solution throughout the series and at the final pitch event.

Project Management: Students will learn how to manage a project from start to finish. From the original idea to prototyping, branding and marketing all the way to the pitching stage.

Leadership: Students will lead their UN Sustainable Development Goal by making their vision a reality. They will do this through goal setting, taking action and connecting with the people around them.

We asked students to describe their experience of the series in 1-word and this is what some of them said.

"Amazing"
"Impactful"

"Motivating"
"Life Changing"

"Valuable"
"One of a Kind"



THE GRAND PRIZES

\$5,000 WORTH OF PRIZES ARE UP FOR GRABS.

1ST PRIZE

The team who has the most innovative project and can showcase the most significant social impact will receive \$1500 in gift vouchers (shared amongst the team members) as well as \$1500 in team coaching to get their project ready to scale and grow!

2X RUNNER UP PRIZES

The teams who show the 2nd and 3rd most innovative projects and can showcase the significant social impact will receive \$500 each in gift vouchers (shared amongst the team members) and \$500 in coaching.



JOIN STUDY MELBOURNE LEADERSHIP LABS 4IMPACT 2025

If you would like to sign up as an individual or invite a student to participate in Study Melbourne Leadership Labs 4Impact, please use the following link to sign up:

<https://events.humanitix.com/4impact2025>

If you would like to join Study Melbourne Leadership Labs 4Impact as a pre-formed team of 3 to 5 students, please email stephanie@campusconsultancy.org with the first names, last names and emails of all of your team members.

