

Class of 2022 Calendar



June 7– July 31: Early Bird Tuition Rate Period

August 1 – September 1: Regular Tuition Rate Period

September 2– September 10: Late Tuition Rate Period

Orientation & Reception

Thursday, September 30, 2021

5:30pm - 7:30pm

Meet your fellow cohort members, chat with program alumni, and learn about what's in store for the Leadership Oakland Class of 2022.

Session One – Oakland 101 and Boards & Commissions

Friday, October 8, 2021

8:30am-4:00pm

Happy Hour 4:00pm-6:00pm – optional

Meet elected officials and administrators from the City and County.

Session 2 – Politics, Implicit Bias, and History

Friday, November 12, 2021*

8:30am - 4:00pm

Happy Hour 4:00- 6:00pm – optional

Hear from local and national elections experts. Learn how to make your voice heard during public comment at government meetings. Then learn the tools to tackle implicit bias as well as hear from an Oakland historian on the importance of the city's history.

Session 3 – Leadership Development

Friday, December 10, 2021

8:30am-4:00pm

Happy Hour 4:00 - 6:00pm – optional

Includes learning about different communication styles, working together, and using outcome-based leadership practices. Skill-based leadership training includes the following competencies: Interpersonal communication styles and public speaking skills.

Session 4 –Housing and Homelessness

Friday, January 14, 2022

8:30am-4:00pm

Happy Hour 4:00-6:00pm – optional

A jam-packed day of panel discussions and expert speakers dedicated to two of Oakland's most complicated and salient issues – housing and homelessness.



Session 5 – Equity, Health, and Education

Friday, February 11, 2022

8:30am - 4:00pm

Happy Hour 4-6pm – optional

Learn about Oakland's Department of Race & Equity and participate in a race and equity training. Education continues to be one of Oakland's top issues. Learn why Oakland's schools have suffered and who's working to repair the damage. In addition, discover the many positive things happening in Oakland's education system.

Session 6 – Business, Transportation, and the Environment

Friday, March 11, 2022

8:30am - 4:00pm

Happy Hour 4 - 6pm – optional

You'll have the opportunity to ask some of Oakland's top business leaders why Oakland is both an attractive and challenging place to do business. Learn about the future of transportation as California's population reaches an all-time high. Discover why Oakland is an international trade center, and the challenges of the shipping and aviation industries.

Session 7 – Public Safety and the Arts

Friday, April 8, 2022

8:30am - 4:00pm

Happy Hour 4 - 6pm – optional

Learn about the Oakland Police Department's reforms, goals, and work as well as citizen oversight and what the Oakland Fire Department is doing to prepare our citizens for the next major emergency. Hear from a panel of arts professionals about the richness of Oakland's art scene and why Oakland is a destination for arts, artisans, and art lovers.

Session 8 – Media and Communications & Graduation

Friday, May 13, 2022

8:30am - 4:00pm

Graduation 5:00 - 7:00pm

Learn tips on communicating with the media and find out how to get your story in print or on television. Understand how editors of major news publications in and around Oakland determine which stories make the news and which ones don't. During Graduation, Leadership Oakland participants will be recognized for their achievements, take part in a graduation ceremony, and have the opportunity to network with program sponsors, alumni, friends and family. Graduates will also briefly present each small group's nonprofit project.

NOTE: Leadership Oakland will continue its upcoming cohort for the Class of 2022 either in-person with appropriate social distancing or via a hybrid option utilizing Zoom, in accordance with Alameda County Public Health guidelines. By submitting an application, you are accepting that portions or potentially the entirety of Leadership Oakland 2022 may be conducted online and that sessions may have to be adjusted in content and theme.

*Date subject to change

