

GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE

Enhance Your Ability to Lead in the Public Sector

When

September 22 - 25, 2026

Where

The Andrew Weil Center
for Integrative Medicine
Tucson, Az

For over 25 years, the Government Leadership Excellence (GLE) program has inspired public leaders to change, grow, and drive progress.

Go beyond basic leadership principles and discover innovative ideas to shape the future of your community from the inside out. This program is delivered by top-ranked Eller faculty and public sector experts.

As the impacts of AI and demands for societal change challenge the local and global economy, government leaders have never faced a more difficult environment. GLE provides a rich learning opportunity to help you discover how to lead and guide teams through these complex issues.

7 PROGRAM MODULES

Redesigned to provide key competencies needed by public sector leaders in 2025 and beyond.

CERTIFICATE

Invest in your own professional development and earn a certificate upon completion.

32 HOURS

Of leadership development led by top-ranked faculty.

Who Should Attend?



Attendees will engage with other talented government and nonprofit leaders, and each module will include collaborative learning activities. Join us as we explore discovering the leader within, effective decision-making, and much more.

Investment

\$3,500

Groups of three or
more receive a
20% discount



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today!**

Leading through Turbulence

- Learn what characterizes a high turbulence environment
- Discover how to lead change in the face of uncertainty
- Explore leadership styles needed to succeed in turbulent times

Day One **Executive Presence**

- Define the concept of personal brand.
- Explore how personal brand affects career and leadership capabilities.
- Learn how to start, maintain, and change your personal brand.

Creating Smart Cities

- Understand the characteristics of Big Data and AI.
- Examine the paradigm shift caused by Big Data and AI.
- Learn how to extract value from data to create Smart Cities

Navigating Local Politics

Day Two

- Identify the landscape of formal and informal actors and community influencers, as well as their competing interests on public safety initiatives.
- Understand the lifecycle of a municipal policy—from agenda-setting through formulation to adoption and identify the specific points where police input is most impactful.
- Effectively communicate the operational needs of the department to non-police city officials using non-technical language.

Negotiating for Government Leaders

- Effectively separate problems from people.
- Learn to focus on positions, not interests.
- Create mutual gain in negotiations within the public sector.

Day Three

Applying Your Influence

- Focus on several basic, universal principles of influence.
- Understand enhancers that boost the principles' effectiveness.
- Defend against unwanted influence

Individual Wellness

- Apply an integrative lens to performance and health.
- Personalize evidence-informed wellness strategies.
- Model and scale well-being in leadership and organizational culture.

Workplace Wellbeing

Day Four

- Explore the leadership behaviors to foster trust and collaboration
- Learn frameworks for motivating and aligning diverse teams.
- Practice tools for diagnosing and sustaining team dynamics.

Review and Recognition

Review learning from all modules and synthesize discussions. Participants will be recognized for their commitment and effort in completing the program!

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