



## 2026 Leadership Academy Partner Information

### Event Overview

The MANRRS Leadership Academy is a three-day professional development experience designed to prepare undergraduate and graduate students, as well as early-career professionals, for leadership roles in agriculture, natural resources, environmental sciences, and related STEM industries. The event emphasizes career readiness, leadership development, technical skill-building, networking, and meaningful engagement with industry partners.

**Dates:** September 24–26, 2026

**Location:** Hyatt Regency Atlanta | Atlanta, Georgia | [Booking Link](#)

**Hotel Cost:** \$225.94 (Taxes Included)

**Registration Site:** <https://www.manrrs.org/leadership-academy/general-info>

### Student Profile

The Leadership Academy is a competitive program that attracts high-achieving, engaged students who have demonstrated academic success and leadership potential.

Student Participants must:

- Be a **sophomore, junior, senior, or graduate student** enrolled at an accredited college or university.
- Have a **minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8; a 3.0 GPA or higher is preferred.**
- Demonstrate **leadership experience** through campus involvement, community service, student organizations, research, internships, or other extracurricular activities.
- Be committed to advancing their professional and leadership development.

Participants represent colleges and universities from across the country and pursue degrees in agriculture, natural resources, environmental sciences, food science, engineering, agribusiness, animal science, plant science, biotechnology, forestry, and other related STEM disciplines.



## Event Structure

The Academy combines professional development with intentional employer engagement throughout the program. Highlights include:

- Opening networking reception
- Fireside Chat with Industry Leaders
- Undergraduate and Graduate Research Symposium
- Mock Interviews
- Lunch & Learn networking roundtables
- Career and leadership workshops tailored to student classification
- Opportunity Fair featuring employers and graduate programs
- Networking breakfast and closing leadership sessions

## Participation Opportunities

Partners have multiple ways to engage, including:

- Opportunity Fair exhibitor
- Workshop presenter or panelist
- Fireside Chat participant
- Mock Interview volunteer
- Lunch & Learn table host
- Networking reception sponsor
- Student scholarship sponsor
- General event sponsor with brand visibility throughout the Academy

## Expected Attendance

We anticipate approximately **250–300 attendees**, including:

- Undergraduate students
- Graduate students
- Faculty advisors
- Industry representatives

## Why Participate?

The Leadership Academy offers organizations an opportunity to:

- Build relationships with highly engaged students before the peak fall recruiting season.



- Increase brand visibility with emerging talent.
- Support leadership development within the agriculture and STEM workforce.
- Identify candidates for internships, co-ops, graduate programs, and full-time positions.
- Strengthen long-term partnerships with MANRRS chapters and institutions nationwide.

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## 2026 MANRRS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AGENDA OUTLINE

### Thursday, September 24, 2026

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Registration
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Opening Welcome Session
7:30 PM – 9:30 PM	The MANRRS Meet-Up: Networking Reception

### Friday, September 25, 2026

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Opportunity Fair Exhibitor Setup
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM	Morning Fireside Chat w/ Industry Leaders
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Research Symposium Mock Interviews
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch-N-Learn Roundtable
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Workshop Sessions I & II
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Opportunity Fair
5:30 PM	Explore Atlanta

### Saturday, September 26, 2026

7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	Networking Breakfast
8:30 AM – 10:20 AM	Workshop Sessions III & IV
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	MANRRS AI Solutions Labs
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Closing Session