

2011–2012 Rising Leaders Program Application



Please complete and submit the attached Rising Leaders Application no later than **Tuesday, 1 March, 2011**. Submissions will be accepted electronically at **RAPS.org/RisingLeaders** or by mail with the attached application.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA

- ✓ RAPS membership at time of application
- ✓ Currently working within the regulatory function of their organizations
- ✓ Cover letter and CV from the applicant, including their contact information
- ✓ Application essay*
- ✓ Letter of nomination from the individual's supervisor or company sponsor that outlines support for this individual's participation in the program and includes detailed examples of how the individual has demonstrated potential in leading ideas, leading change and leading people
- ✓ Signed Commitment Statement from employer
- ✓ Completion of a leadership assessment survey by the participant and their supervisor prior to the start of the program
- ✓ Ability and commitment to participate in all activities in the program, including RAPS Chapter participation, if available, and independent activities
- ✓ Letter of nomination, cover letter, essay and CV are due 1 March 2011 to:

Lauren Power, Vice President, Education and Professional Development
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Rockville, MD 20852
lpower@raps.org

*Application Essay

Please provide a brief essay of no more than 750 words that addresses the following questions:

- Why do you want to be a Rising Leader?
- What leadership characteristics do you possess? How have you used them in your work in the regulatory field? Be specific.
- Cite your key accomplishments working in the regulatory profession.
- Describe your experience with training and/or mentoring adults or as a supervisor.
- Describe a specific challenge you have faced in your professional life and explain how you met the challenge.
- Describe what you will do with the experience and knowledge gained from this opportunity.
- Describe what you see as the critical challenges for the global regulatory profession in the next five years. In the next 10 years.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____

Organization/Title _____

Work Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Education Information

College/University _____

Degree _____

Statement of Commitment

I understand that the Rising Leaders Program is a one-year commitment designed to nurture and grow early/mid-level regulatory professionals into tomorrow's leaders in the regulatory profession. If selected for the Rising Leaders Program, I am willing and able to attend all Rising Leaders activities as specified in the Rising Leaders Program. I further agree to plan, develop and carry out a Leadership Project under the supervision of Rising Leaders Faculty. I understand that RAPS is not financially responsible for costs incurred through my participation in this program, other than the specific costs outlined in the above mentioned program materials.

In signing this Statement of Commitment, I agree to hold myself to the highest standard of professionalism in all of my work and activities.

Leader Signature: _____ Date _____

In signing this Statement of Commitment, I agree to grant this Rising Leader professional time for Leadership Development Program activities. I further agree to support this Leader in the development and completion of a Leadership Project. I understand that this is a one-year commitment.

Employer Signature: _____ Date _____