SYMPOSIUM SESSION: 
EDUCATING LEADERS: LEADERSHIP AND ENTREPRENEURIALAttributes DEVELOPMENT (LEAD) 
PROGRAM AT SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

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This paper reports on the rationale for and the student experience of the Swinburne University Leadership and Entrepreneurial Attributes Development (LEAD) program. This program offers Research Higher Degree students who have been identified as having high potential for leadership the opportunity to develop leadership and entrepreneurial skills. LEAD comprises two streams of development: leadership and entrepreneurship. The leadership stream of the program aims to expose students to the concepts of teamwork, communication and project leadership. This will enable students to lead Research and Development programs in their professional careers. In addition, it enhances the PhD experience by providing a program that develops networks among students from a broad range of disciplines. These networks will survive beyond the program and serve students throughout their subsequent diverse careers. The entrepreneurial stream of the program focuses on building:

- an understanding of commercial imperatives
- the willingness to take balanced risks
- an understanding of the value and protection of Intellectual Property
- an understanding of the process of commercialisation of Intellectual Property.

In the report from AQUA, Swinburne was commended for the LEAD program http://www.auqa.edu.au/qualityaudit/sai_reports/index.shtml.

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