

## Own Your Future Badge Request

**Badge Name:** Outreach Education Skills

**Awarded by:** *Own Your Future* at Western

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**Award Frequency:** One time, with potential for annual

**Badge Image:**



<b>Metadata :</b>	
Badge Name	Outreach Education Skills
Description	Arts & Humanities Day is an initiative of Western's Faculty of Arts & Humanities which offers a work-integrated learning experience for doctoral students. Participating students serve on the planning committee for an outreach event with local high school students, taking on roles such as Volunteer Coordinator, Event Engagement Coordinator, or Program Workshop Facilitator. This experience supports doctoral students in the development of critical transferable skills for success in multiple career paths related to leadership, education, program planning, community outreach and engagement.
Earning Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Registered PhD students at Western University who have applied and been selected as participants in Arts &amp; Humanities Day</li><li>• Completion of reflective writing assignment following the work-integrated learning experience</li></ul>
Earning Criteria URL	
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leadership</li><li>• Teaching</li><li>• Planning and organization</li><li>• Community outreach and engagement</li></ul>
Alignment Name	<i>Own Your Future</i>
Alignment URL	<a href="https://uwo.ca/ownyourfuture//index.html">https://uwo.ca/ownyourfuture//index.html</a>
Alignment Description	<i>Own Your Future</i> is a doctoral professional development program offered by Western's School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. <i>Own Your Future</i> recognizes the value of a doctoral degree for multiple career paths while supporting graduate students' career engagement, leadership development, communication, relationship building, personal thriving, and teaching & learning skills.

## Assessment: Reflective Rubric (Required for Badge Completion)

To receive the badge, graduate students must complete a short reflective self-assessment (approx. 500–750 words total). Reflections will be reviewed and scored by Amanda Green, Academic Advisor and Outreach Coordinator in the Faculty of Arts & Humanities.

Learning Outcome	Not Achieved (0 points)	Somewhat Achieved (1 point)	Achieved (2 points)
Demonstrates leadership skills such as initiative, accountability, collaboration, and good judgment	Unable to effectively demonstrate leadership skills	Somewhat demonstrates the development of leadership skills	Clearly demonstrates leadership skills by proposing ideas, solving problems, and/or guiding others.
Demonstrates strong collaboration and communication skills	Does not effectively demonstrate collaboration and communication skills	Demonstrates some collaboration and communication skills and is able to provide examples of strong teamwork.	Clearly demonstrates strong collaboration and communication skills including adaptability, facilitation skills, and/or mentoring skills
Demonstrates skills in planning, organization, and event design	Does not demonstrate skills in planning, organization, and/or event design	Somewhat demonstrates these skills by identifying one related insight	Clearly demonstrates these skills and is able to make links to larger issues (e.g., student experience, funding, accessibility)
Demonstrates public engagement and relationship building skills	Does not demonstrate skills in public engagement and relationship building	Somewhat demonstrates these skills by identifying one related insight	Clearly demonstrates these skills and is able to make links to larger social issues (e.g., accessibility, equity)
Articulates transferable skills for future career planning and professional growth	Unable to articulate transferable skills or reflect on future career planning and professional growth	Connects at least on skill to future goals and somewhat reflects on professional growth	Offers specific future scenarios where these skills will be valuable, articulating a shift in self-understanding or future direction based on the experience.

### Badge Criteria for Completion

- Active participation on the A & H Day Executive Committee
- Completion of assigned duties (planning, organizing, day-of tasks)
- Submission of reflective writing assignment
- Earn at least 7 points based on the rubric provided