

## Join your fellow GIS professionals in Providence —

Due to increased demand for this specialized educational program, URISA is pleased to offer its GIS Leadership Academy twice in 2017. One of those events will take place July 24-28 in Providence, Rhode Island – *the first time the Academy will be held in New England!*



### Why a GIS Leadership Academy?

More than a decade ago, URISA saw an education/training need within its membership. GIS professionals had plenty of technical expertise. But as they moved up within their organizations, many did not have the education or training needed to tackle the management and leadership responsibilities that came with those career advancements.

So, a committee of URISA members (recognized leaders in the profession, all of whom are GISPs) developed a unique five day GIS management and leadership training program, covering topics ranging from GIS strategic planning and ROI reporting to hiring and change management. Some organizations have even made attendance at the ULA a regular part of their GIS staff training and development.



### What they had to say:

"I learned so much in one week, it's a miracle. I have immediately started work on a GIS Strategic Plan."

"This was the best week of training I have ever had, and you can quote me on that."

"Leadership has no title."

"Even though I am not the manager, I can be a leader for my organization in GIS and be an agent of change."

**Registration & Venue:** The URISA GIS Leadership Academy includes interactive exercises, small-group discussions, team-building activities, and opportunities to delve into topics in a way you cannot do at a large conference. Participation is intentionally limited in order to encourage such interaction. Register early to reserve your spot and take advantage of discounts. (The registration fee includes all five days of education and materials, daily lunch, one evening reception and refreshments.)

- Early Rate (January 1 – May 1, 2017): URISA Member or GISP \$1,200 / Nonmember \$1,400
- Regular Rate (beginning May 2, 2017): URISA Member or GISP \$1,400 / Nonmember \$1,600

The ULA will take place at the **Omni Providence Hotel**. The discounted room rate is \$189 single/double - with complimentary in-room internet access. The deadline for reservations is June 20, 2017, or until the reserved block is sold out. To reserve your room click on the [Online Booking Link](#) or call 1-800-THE-OMNI. Note that the ULA will conclude no later than 2:00 PM on Friday, July 28 to accommodate departures on Friday afternoon/evening and keep travel expenses down.

Visit [www.urisa.org](http://www.urisa.org) and click on the ULA Providence banner on the home page for complete details.