

# A Preliminary Study: Relationship between Leadership Style and Entrepreneurial Tendency among Students in a Public University in Malaysia

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## Abstract.

Competent leadership is needed in tracing the current of the world of education which is increasingly towards technology. An understanding and practice of environmentally responsive leadership are needed, given that today's world depends on individuals who have leadership criteria. Whereas in higher learning institutions, the added value that needs to be emphasized in students must meet the marketability characteristics required by the employment sector. Leadership and entrepreneurship are value-added features that can produce students who are self-disciplined, creative in decision making, and have self-confidence and positive thinking. Therefore, this preliminary study offers theoretical and practical implications in the fields of student leadership and entrepreneurial leadership. This research will focus on student leadership and its interaction with the aspects of entrepreneurial leadership. The respondents involved in this study consisted of first-year and final-year Bachelor's degree students studying at a public university in Malaysia. Thus, this research is designed to provide more complete description of university students leadership style so that students can prepare for entering the workforce or starting a business by contributing to the development of leadership as a necessary talent.

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