

## **The Relationship between Leadership Style and Entrepreneurial Tendency Among Students in A Public Institution of Higher Learning**

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### **Abstract**

21st century leadership can be seen as an individual and collective response to changing the environment for the better. An understanding and practice of environmentally responsive leadership is needed given today's world that depends on individuals who have leadership criteria in students in institutions of higher learning. The 21st century now requires continuity between leadership and entrepreneurship which is a value -added feature that can produce students who are self-disciplined, creative in decision making, have self-confidence and positive thinking. Therefore, this study offers theoretical and practical implications in the fields of student leadership and entrepreneurial leadership. This research will contribute to the continuing research on leadership education in higher education institutions. This research will focus on student leadership and its interaction with the aspects of entrepreneurial leadership in an organisation. The population involved in this study consisted of first-year students and final-year students majoring in business administration studying at National Defence University of Malaysia (UPNM). The total population for this study will be determined using Krejcie & Morgan (1970) and Johnson & Christensen (2004). The study sample chosen using this method is based on the researcher's estimate of the population size. Thus, this research is designed to provide more complete description of university students majoring in business administration's 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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